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SUMMARY.

Relations between Nicaragua and the United States have been ruptured on account of the shooting of two American citizens.

The United States transport Prairie has left Philadelphia with 1000 marines for Panama.

Mr. Asquith, who was cheered on entering the House of Commons on Wednesday, gave notice of motion in reference to the rejection of the Budget.

He intends to move that the action of the Lords is a breach of the Constitution, and a usurpation of the rights of the Commons.

Unionist leaders have decided not to propose an amendment to the resolution, but to give a direct vote against it.

It is agreed that in a crisis of such gravity a prolonged discussion on the constitutional issue would be out of place.

The Imperial Parliament will be prorogued to-day.

Mr. J. Chamberlain says he is counting on the democracy of the East End to help in the great struggle before the country.

British Consols are quoted at £82 18s 9d, an advance of 8s 9d since Thursday last.

It is officially announced that Admiral of the Fleet Sir A. K. Wilson succeeds Lord Fisher as First Sea Lord.

The King's Bench Division has dismissed the claim of Mrs. Pankhurst to present personally or by deputation a petition to the Premier.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council has refused leave to appeal in the case of Spencer versus the Registrar of Titles.

The ship Clan Macpherson, which left Newcastle on June 24 for Valparaiso, has been posted as missing.

English newspapers refer to the silence of German papers respecting the recent battleship launchings.

They say it is a manoeuvre to lull British shortsightedness to forget the needs of their navy during the elections.

The Royal Mint has purchased £70,000 worth of silver for the new Commonwealth coinage.

A corporal of Hussars stationed at Verdon, France, borrowed largely from the members of his squadron.

Fearing the consequences, he put cyanide of potassium in the mess soup, and so narrowly escaped death.

Owing to the diversity of bids, the selection of the arena for the Johnson-Jeffries fight has been postponed for 24 hours.

Mr. Learmonth had a long interview with the Premier yesterday, and a Cabinet meeting was subsequently held.

Application will be made to the Industrial Court to-day for the appointment of a compulsory board.

The Labour party met last night, and decided to lay certain proposals before the strike congress.

Mr. Hughes says he has hopes of something occurring to-day which may lead to a settlement of the strike.

The steamer Palermo arrived from Japan yesterday with 5000 tons of coal for the bunkers of the P. and O. mail steamers.

The Coal-lumpers' Union has decided to unload the coal, and work will be commenced this morning.

Both miners' collieries are working, yesterday's output being 1000 tons.

Persistent rumours are afloat at Greymouth, N.Z., that before many days a general strike will take place.

Mr. J. C. Watson, M.P., has returned to Melbourne after his visit to South Africa.

He took his seat in the House of Representatives yesterday morning, and was heartily welcomed by members.

Sir Hamilton Governor of Queensland, Sir William MacGregor, was sworn in at Brisbane yesterday.

There was a procession through the city to Government House, in which the Ministry, the aldermen, and leading citizens took part.

The Defence Bill was further considered in committee in the Senate last night.

As amendment in favour of free uniforms being supplied and another for physical training to commence at 10 were negatived.

The amendment made in clause 7 of the High Commissioner Bill was agreed to.

This clause forbids the High Commissioner to "engage in any business."

The debate on the second reading of the Naval Loan Bill was resumed in the House of Representatives.

Mr. Foxton says it is quite on the cards that an Australian Admiral would be in charge of the fleet unit at some future time.

Wednesday's sitting of the Legislative Assembly was not brought to a close until 1 o'clock yesterday morning.

A scene occurred during the discussion of the Estimates, and Mr. Meehan was ejected for refusing to obey the Chair.

The Legislative Council and the Assembly will meet on Fridays for the remainder of the session.

The Closer Settlement (Amendment) Bill was read the third time in the Council yesterday.

The Moree to Mungindi railway, Newcastle breakwater extension, and Cremorne tramway bills were passed.

The Assembly considered the Estimates of the Department of Agriculture—£171,755.

Rumours are current as to candidates for the office of Lord Mayor, the names of several aldermen being mentioned.

The present Lord Mayor is believed to be almost certain to stand.

The Minister for Agriculture is considering a suggestion for a conference of wheat-growers and experts on wheat production.

At a meeting of the United Clerks' Union it was alleged that clerks were sweated in the railway and tramway services.

Many officers, it was asserted, had to work excessive overtime without extra remuneration.

The revenue of the Northern Territory for last year was £51,303, while the expenditure was £228,816.

The debt of the Territory now stands at £3,337,796.

Before the Postal Commission the Secretary for Home Affairs made an important statement as to the Sydney G.P.O.

He agreed that if Sydney was to have an adequate General Post Office there must be a resumption of land in Pitt, King, and George streets.

If that were done, he said, Sydney would have the finest post-office in the Southern Hemisphere.

Mr. R. E. Priestley, the geologist to the Shackleton expedition, arrived in Sydney yesterday from London.

His mission is to assist Professor David in making a detailed examination of the geological specimens.

A board will inquire into the tunnel accident near Murrurundi, by which a driver and fireman were seriously scalded.

Both the railway and tramway revenue for the week ended Saturday last showed an increase as compared with last year.

The External Affairs Department has no official knowledge of 300 Anglo-Indians said to be on their way to Australia.

"The immigrants," remarked Mr. Groom, "must be coming by arrangement with the Immigration League."

The Tasmanian Cabinet has decided to abolish the Council of Agriculture and establish an Agricultural Department.

A deputation waited on the Minister for Works to urge the construction of a line of railway to Quambone.

Mr. Lee gave a sympathetic reply, and promised to have the district surveyed and reported upon.

Giving evidence before the Shipping (tugboats) Board Mr. A. Fenwick said the crews had "a good soft job."

There was more business 10 years ago, he added, owing to there being more sailing ships.

Splendid returns are being obtained from the harvest in the Scone district.

Silver interests commanded most attention on Change yesterday, prices being firm.

Copper shares were without animation, but gold and tin scrip was firmer.

Forecast: Warm, with thunder showers on the north coast and tablelands; fine elsewhere, with moderate temperatures.

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SATURDAYS.

Down.—Between 2.5 p.m. and 5.45 p.m. the Local Sydney-Homebush-Parramatta trains will be cancelled, and an hourly service will be run, calling at all stations.

Up.—Between 2.30 p.m. and 6.25 p.m. the Up Local Trains, Parramatta-Homebush-Sydney, will be cancelled, and an hourly service will be run from Parramatta, calling at all stations.

SUNDAYS.

In the Down direction, no trains will be run between Sydney-Homebush and Parramatta during the morning. The first train will be the 2.5 p.m. Sydney to Rookwood, and a Reduced Service will then be run. The last train will leave Sydney at 9.45 p.m. for Parramatta, calling at all stations.

In the Up direction, no trains will be run between Parramatta-Homebush-Sydney during the morning. The first train will leave Parramatta at 2.0 p.m., calling at all stations, and be due Sydney at 2.36 p.m., and a Reduced Service will then be provided. The last train will leave Parramatta at 9.45 p.m., calling at all stations, and be due to arrive Sydney at 10.40 p.m.

CARLINGFORD LINE.
SUNDAYS.

The only trains which will be run on the Clyde-Carlingford line will be as follows:—

Leave Clyde Jct. for Carlingford at 3.28 p.m. and 6.30 p.m., connecting with trains leaving Sydney at 2.35 p.m. and 4.37 p.m.

Leave Carlingford at 4.28 p.m. and 7.28 p.m., connecting at Clyde Jct. with trains due to arrive Sydney at 5.05 and 8.40 p.m.

ILLAWARRA LINE.
SUNDAYS.

No trains will be run on the Illawarra Suburban line in either the Up or Down direction during the morning. The first train to leave Sydney will be the 2.10 p.m. for Oatley, and a Reduced Service will then be given up to 9.40 p.m., the latter being the last train from Sydney, and will run to Oatley.

In the Up direction the first train to run will be the 2.6 p.m. from Hurstville, and a Reduced Service will then be provided up to 8.9 p.m., Hurstville to Sydney, the latter being the last train.

No trains will be run beyond Oatley, except the 2.40 p.m. train from Sydney to Woronora Cemetery and return.

On the Sydney-Bankstown line trains will only leave Sydney for Bankstown at 2.20 p.m., 5.22, 7.27, and 8.28 p.m., and Bankstown for Sydney at 3.3 p.m., 6.12, 8.20, and 9.10 p.m.

WEEK DAYS.

During the slack portion of the day the local service between Sydney-Hurstville-Como-Sutherland, also on the Bankstown line, will be Further Reduced, and Passengers are referred to Handbills for particulars.

NORTHERN LINE.

CANCELLATION OF DOWN BRISBANE EXPRESS ON SATURDAY NIGHTS, AND UP BRISBANE EXPRESS ON SUNDAY NIGHTS.

The 5.10 p.m. Down Brisbane Express from Sydney to Wallangarra WILL NOT LEAVE SYDNEY on SATURDAY NIGHTS.

The 6.10 p.m. Up Brisbane Express WILL NOT LEAVE WALLANGARRA for SYDNEY ON SUNDAY NIGHTS.

SYDNEY-HORNSBY-GOSFORD.
SATURDAYS.

The 2.10 p.m. train, Sydney to Gosford, will run as far as Hornsby only.

The 6.32 p.m. train, Sydney to Hornsby, and the 6.5 p.m., Hornsby to Sydney, will not run.

SUNDAYS.

The Time-table for Local Trains between Sydney, Strathfield, and Hornsby, and those connecting with suburban trains between Strathfield and Sydney, will be cancelled. The only trains on this section will be from Strathfield to Hornsby at 3.22 p.m., 6.12, and 8.10 p.m., connecting with suburban trains leaving Sydney at 2.35 p.m., 5.33, and 7.37 p.m. respectively. Trains will leave Hornsby for Strathfield at 3.8 p.m., 6.10, and 7.7 p.m., connecting with suburban trains for Sydney.

The 3.37 p.m. train from Sydney to Hawkesbury and the 5.30 p.m. and 7.50 p.m. trains from Hawkesbury to Sydney will not run.

MILSON'S POINT LINE.
SATURDAYS.

After 1.50 p.m. the Local Trains from Milson's Point to Lindfield and Gordon, and vice versa, will be discontinued.

The 2.50 p.m., 5.20, 6.20, 7.40, and 9.40 p.m. trains from Milson's Point to Hornsby will not run.

The trains leaving Milson's Point for Hornsby at 4.50 and 5.50 p.m. will call at all stations.

The 5.56 p.m., 6.36, 6.10, 8.45, and 10.6 p.m. trains from Hornsby to Milson's Point will not run.

SUNDAYS.

The ordinary Timetable will be suspended. Trains will leave Hornsby for Milson's Point at 1.55 p.m., 3.45, 5.37, and 8.5 p.m., and leave Milson's Point for Hornsby at 2.42 p.m., 5.0 p.m., 8.0 p.m., and 10 p.m. only.

WESTERN LINE.
WEEK DAYS.

The 10.35 p.m. Wednesday's Train, Penrith to Sydney, will not run.

The 12.54 a.m. Thursday's Train, Parramatta to Penrith, and the 12.55 a.m. Thursday's Train, Blacktown to Richmond, will not run.

SATURDAYS.

The 5.38 p.m. train, Sydney to Penrith, will not run, but service to stations Doonside to Penrith inclusive will be given by the 5.48 p.m. Sydney to Richmond train instead.

The 4.15 p.m. train, Richmond to Sydney, will be altered to leave Richmond at 5.55 p.m., arriving Sydney at 7.28 p.m.

The 10.25 p.m. train, Penrith to Sydney, will not run.

SUNDAYS.

The ordinary Timetable for the Local Sydney-Penrith-Richmond service will be suspended, but trains will run as follows, calling at all stations:—

5.38 p.m. Sydney to Penrith and Richmond.
6.15 p.m. Richmond to Sydney.
6.30 p.m. Penrith to Sydney.

SOUTHERN LINE.
WEEK DAYS.

The 10.45 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays train, Liverpool to Granville, and the 11.13 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays train, Granville to Liverpool, will not run.

SUNDAYS.

The regular Local Granville-Liverpool-Campbelltown service will be suspended, but trains will run as under:—

4.38 p.m. from Campbelltown, connecting at Granville with the 5.52 p.m. train for Sydney.

6.34 p.m. Granville to Campbelltown, connecting at Granville with the 5.38 p.m. train from Sydney.

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CANCELLATION OF EXCURSION TO ADELAIDE, MT. GAMBIER, AND BROKEN HILL, on MONDAY, December 6; also Special Cheap Excursion Train from Sydney to Melbourne, on TUESDAY, December 14, 1909.

The CHEAP EXCURSION TICKETS announced on Handbills and Posters (No. 259) in connection with above Excursions WILL NOT NOW BE ISSUED, and the SPECIAL EXCURSION TRAIN shown to leave Sydney at 3.55 p.m. on TUESDAY, December 14, WILL NOT RUN.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.
Matrimonial Causes Jurisdiction.—No. 7099.
Between MARGARET BEATH, Petitioner,
and
JAMES BEATH, Respondent.

TO JAMES BEATH, late of Lambton, near Newcastle, in the State of New South Wales.—Take Notice that the said Margaret Beath has commenced a suit against you in this Honourable Court, and is applying for a Dissolution of Marriage on the ground that you have without just cause or excuse wilfully deserted the Petitioner, and without any such cause or excuse left her continuously so deserted during three years and upwards. And take Notice that you are required to enter an appearance to the said suit at the proper office of this Honourable Court, on or before the 31st day of January, 1910; and in the event of your not doing so within the time limited, or obtaining further time, the Petitioner will proceed, and the suit be heard and determined, your absence notwithstanding. A copy of the Petition filed herein may be had on application to the undersigned free of charge.
Dated this second day of December, A.D. 1909.
WILLIAM M. DALEY, Solicitor for the Petitioner, Castlereagh-street, Sydney.
For the Registrar,
JOHN GEO. LEARY (L.S.), Chief Clerk.

IN THE INTESTATE ESTATE OF CHARLES EDWARD DE LACY MacCARTHY, late of Collarendebri, Medical Practitioner, deceased.—All persons having claims against the above Estate are requested to forward the same verified by affidavit, to the undersigned, on or before the twenty-third day of December, 1909. T. W. GARRETT, Curator of the above Estate, Chancery-square, Sydney, December 2, 1909.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction (No. 44581).—In the Will of THOMAS STUART, late of Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the first accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, King-street, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the FRIDAY, the fourteenth day of January, 1910, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this second day of December, A.D. 1909. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction (No. 46431).—In the Estate of WILLIAM JOHN ABBOTT, late of Palmer's Island, Clarence River, in the State of New South Wales, formerly of Rowa River, Suva, Fiji, Sugar Planter, deceased, intestate.—NOTICE is hereby given that the accounts and plan of distribution in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the thirteenth day of January, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this second day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. HAROLD P. WHITTY, Proctor for the Executors, Bridge-street, Sydney. By his agent, H. PERCY STEEL, 60 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of MARGARET JONES, late of Bogabri, in the State of New South Wales, the Widow. James Jones, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Eighth Accounts of the Executors in the above Estate have this day been filed in my Office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said Office on or before the fourteenth day of January, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto, otherwise if the said Accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this second day of December, A.D. 1909. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. LINKS and WRAGGE, Proctors for the Executors, Dumaresq-st. By their Agents, COLLINTON and BASSETT, City Bank-chambers, 164 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of MARY ANN BUTTSWORTH, late of Hamilton, in the State of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to HAROLD REID BUTTSWORTH, the son of the said deceased, with full power to sell the real estate of the said deceased, as of Court, and that the Bond of such administration Bond be dispensed with; and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned; and all creditors and others having testamentary applications of their claims to the undersigned within such fourteen days. BRAYE and COHEN, Proctors, Bolton-street, Newcastle. By their Agents, ASHER, OLD, and JONES, 17 O'Connell-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of GEORGE BRADBURY, late of Dungog, in the State of New South Wales, Labourer, deceased, Intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to GEORGE WILLIAM BRADBURY, of Dungog aforesaid, Labourer, the only child of the deceased; and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned. And all persons having claims against the said Estate are requested to furnish particulars thereof to the undersigned, whose agents in Sydney are Messieurs RODWELL and MOFFITT, of Wynyard-street, Sydney, on the 8th day of December, A.D. 1909. ELLIOTT and WALLER, Proctors for Applicant, Dungog.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of HARRY ELLIOTT WATSON, late of Condobolin, in the State of New South Wales, Storekeeper, deceased, Intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to GEORGE SYDNEY WATSON, a Brother of the said deceased. And notice is hereby given that application will be made that the said Will may be dispensed with, and creditors are hereby required to send in their claims to the undersigned, at whose place of business all notices may be served. G. S. WATSON, Belmont-street, Condobolin.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of ELIZA DAY CHAPMAN, late of Rocky Point-road, Rockdale, in the State of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to HUBERT HUNTON CHAPMAN, the Executor named in the said Will; and all Notices are to be served at the undermentioned address. HUBE JONES CHAPMAN, Rocky Point-road, Rockdale.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of SUSAN HEBBLEWHITE ROBARDS, late of Campsie, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to EDWARD ROBARDS, the Executor named in the said will; and all notices may be served on ORDER and MACANSH, Solicitors, King and George streets, Sydney.

DOMBERRY RACES. FIRST RACE 2.15 p.m. TO-MORROW AFTERNOON.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

NOTICE

Artillery Shot Practice will be carried out from the Forts at South Head, seawards, THIS DAY, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Masters of Shipping and persons in charge of boats are cautioned against remaining in any position such as would cause obstruction to such practice.
Residents in the vicinity of the abovementioned Forts are specially warned to keep open all windows during the period of firing.
The danger zone will be not less than 11,000 yards from the coast line, and from the North Head to Ben-Buckler.
H. L. KYNGDON,
Major, R.A.A., O.C., R.A.A., New South Wales.

PATENTS

NOTICE is hereby given that the holder of the Commonwealth Patent No. 11,886, dated 2nd July, 1908, for "CARPET CLEANERS," is prepared to consider any reasonable offers from persons or firms desiring a license to make, use, or vend the above invention within the Commonwealth of Australia.
Full information and all particulars obtainable from GRIFFITH and HASSELL, Patent Attorneys, 167 King-street, Sydney; and 9 Queen-street, Melbourne.

THE LEARY MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN.

The ceremony of Unveiling the Fountain which has been erected to the memory of the late Alderman P. Leary, almost opposite the Town Hall, Mosman, will be performed by the Hon. W. P. Cullen, M.L.C., on SATURDAY, 4th DECEMBER, 1909, at 3 p.m. His Worship the Mayor, Alderman J. J. Glover, will preside; and Dr. Arthur, M.L.A., and others will take part in the proceedings, the Public being cordially invited to attend.
WILLIAM F. BRAY, Town Clerk.
Town Hall, Mosman,
2nd December, 1909.

THE ENGLISH BUDGET.

A plain exposition of Mr. Lloyd-George's Budget is given in "THE SYDNEY MAIL," Copies, 6d. each, to be had from ALEX. JOBSON, Challis House.

A.I.A. Rifle Club.—Shooting To-morrow, range 200 yards. E. Scholl, sgt., hon. sec.

FEDERAL ELECTIONS.

ELECTORS OF PARKES.

A PUBLIC MEETING of the ELECTORS OF PARKES will be held TO-NIGHT, AT 8, IN THE TOWN HALL, ARMIDALE,
(1) To support overlooking the Financial Agreement in the Constitution.
(2) To consider what part we, as Electors, should take unitedly in the coming Federal Election.
The Hon. W. H. WOOD, Chief Secretary, and the Hon. F. E. WINCHCOMBE, M.L.C., and others will address the meeting.
A full attendance of Electors requested.
KELLY, Hon. Sec. pro tem.
Ashfield, Dec. 3, 1909.

NORTH SYDNEY FEDERAL ELECTORATE.
The Friends and Supporters of S. E. ISAAC, Candidate for Selection by the Federal Liberal League, are holding an Informal Meeting at the Lecture Hall, Lewis Hall-buildings, Mosman, This Evening, at 8 o'clock. All interested are invited to attend.
SOCIALIST LABOUR PARTY.—Opening Campaign Meeting, NEWTOWN TOWN HALL, TO-NIGHT. Financial Candidates, T. HOARE, J. O. MAHONEY, A. HAGENEUS, will deliver addresses.
F. SINCLAIR, Secretary.

RANDWICK RACES. TO-MORROW, SATURDAY.

STERLING Values in inexpensive Christmas Presents. Brass and Welsh, the Surprise Jewers, 505 Geo.-st.

AUCTION SALES.

INGLIS'S BAZAAR, THIS DAY, AT 10.30 A.M.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 sharp,
Vans, Springcarts, Horses, and Harness; Draught Horses, Buggy Horses, and Harness; and
at 11 a.m., Horses and Vehicles of every description, specially advertised. Tel., 1281.

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CAMPERDOWN YARDS.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY,
AT 2 P.M.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction as above,
On account Mr. LACHLAN ROBERTSON, Barmedman,
15 Superior Harness Horses, comprising principally cab, sulky, and business cart descriptions, 4, 5, and 6 yr. olds, in good condition, broken; also including one thickset Taffy Pony.

On account Messrs. PRATLEY and MARSHALL, Moss Vale,
2 upstanding Sad. and Har. Horses.

On account Mr. W. J. ANDERSON, Scone,
15 High-class Horses and Ponies, comprising pair of handsome black Pony Mares, 12 hands, high (full sisters), 8yrs old, thoroughly broken to sad., single, and d. harness (also set of double Harness); pair bay Pony Fillies, 14 hands, 3yrs old, unbroken, the balance useful light horses and ponies in splendid condition, broken and unbroken.

On account Mr. GEO. CHINNOCKS, Campbelltown.
5 Harness Horses and Ponies, all the right ages, comprising dark creamy Gelding, 5yrs, by Prince Harold, very quiet in saddle and harness, suit a doctor or private gentleman; chestnut Pony Stallion, broken to saddle and harness; bay Pony Gelding, 3 yrs., good sort, broken to saddle and harness; bay Draught Gelding, good worker; also, bay Carthorse, good all-round animal.

On account owner,
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On account NORTHERN AGENTS.
5 Saddle and Har. Horses, broken in.

On account Mr. J. G. GOODWIN, Balmain,
Grey Draught Gelding, broken in, good worker.

On account of Mr. J. KNOWLES (from Moss Vale),
4 Light Harness Horses. Particulars at sale.

On account of Owners,
16 Useful Business Cart Horses and Draughts, all broken ready for go-.

HIGH-CLASS R.T. SPORTING SULKY TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Bay Mare, by St. Elmo, quiet in saddle and harness, and fast, any trial. Rubber-tyred Sporting Sulky, movable back; and set of Handsewn Harness (S.M.), in perfect condition.

SYLPH SULKY TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mrs. A. Jacobs to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Brown Pony Gelding, 12.3, broken to saddle and harness; lady-ridden; Sylph Sulky (by Moore); and set of Harness (R.M.), making a neat lot.

BROUGHAM CAB TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. E. O'Shea to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Bay Gelding, stanch and reliable, any trial; Brougham Cab (licensed); and Harness, in good order.

3 HORSES, STAIRCASE OMNIBUS, AND HARNESS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
3 good Stanch Horses, Six-seater Omnibus, and set of Four-in-hand Harness, in good repair, with right-of-road from Paddington to Railway.

HOODED ABBOTT BUGGY AND DOUBLE HARNESS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from the Chief Commissioner for Railways to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Hooded Abbott Tray Buggy, with pole; and set of Double Harness, (R.M.), in first-class order.

NEAT SULKY TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Bay Pony Mare, 12.2, broken to saddle and harness, used to town; Sulky and Harness, making a neat lot.

TO TROTTING MEN AND OTHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, (Friday), at 2 o'clock,
Chestnut Roan Filly, 3 years old, by Viking, Jun., dam Bay Spec, by Welcome Jack, quiet to handle, a good trotting prospect, a natural pacer, trotted 2.41 when only 2 years old, prize winner.

FOR SALE BY AUCTION,
THE RACEHORSE WISDOM (late Warstah),
at FENNELLY'S BAZAAR, 108 PITT-STREET,
TUESDAY NEXT, 7th December,
at 12 o'clock.

M'CABE, MORTON, and CO. have received instructions to sell by auction, on the above date, the Racehorse Wisdom, by Inverinay from Civility. Wisdom is a winner of 5 races, including Coolamunda's Cup, V.R.C. Hurdles, Moonee Valley Hurdles, etc., etc.

M'CABE, MORTON, and CO.,
Royal-chambers, 3 Castlereagh-street.

WEEKLY PRODUCE SALES.

MOSMAN and ELLIS will sell by Auction, at their Railway Produce Saleyards, 647 George-st. South, THIS DAY, at 1.30 p.m. sharp—Sackets, Carcase Pork and Veal, Bacon, Lard, Eggs, Butter, Honey, Beeswax, Fruit etc., a large quantity of Poultry of every description, Pigeons, Pigmeat, Rabbits, etc.
Buyers please Note Order of Sale:—
BUTTER and EGGS, at 1 p.m. sharp.
SACKETS, CARCASE PORK, and VEAL, at 1.30 p.m.
POULTRY, BIRDS, GAME, etc., at 1.45 p.m.
BACON, LARD, HONEY, etc., at 2 p.m.

R. F. MURPHY AND CO.
will be by auction, at
THEIR SALEROOMS AND YARDS,
Thomas-street, Haymarket,
THIS DAY,
Sucking Pigs and Carcase Pork, 1 p.m. sharp.
Eggs, Butter, Bacon, etc., 2 p.m.
Poultry, etc., 2.30 p.m.

C. J. TURNER sells, at his Rooms, Valentine-street, Dulwich Hill, THIS DAY, at under—
1.15, Ducklings, Chicks, Birds, etc.
1.30, Eggs, then Poultry.

GEO. H. MOXHAM and CO. sell by Auc., This Day, at Wool Exch., Sharp-street, at 10.30: Hides, 1-7 p.m.

CLEARING-OUT SALE.

THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING, at 11, CONTINUING ALL DAY,
at the HAYMARKET AUCTION ROOMS, 772 Geo.-st.

200 lots splendid HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.
2 beautiful Pianofortes, Carpets and Linoleum, Glass, China, Crockery, etc.
Vases and Ornaments, Lace Curtains and T. Covers.
Groceries and Drapery, etc.
5 splendid Bedroom Suites, single and double.
12 Sideboards, from 3 to 6 feet, equal to new.
Hallstands, Dining and Hall Tables, Couches, Rattan and Upholstered Easy Chairs, Occas. Tables.
Overmantels, Mirrors, Pictures, Combinations.
Marble Washstands, 15 sets Toilet Ware.
20 assorted Dble., Single, and 4 Brass-mtd. Bedsteads.
With Wires and Bedding, as good as new.
3-tester, French, and Italian, also Cots, complete.
Double Perambulator, Gas Stoves and Grillers.
2 Singer Sewing Machines and parts, nearly new.
3 good Icechests, Marble Counter and Shelves.
Kitchen, Yard, and Laundry Utensils.
LAVEN Mores.

E. HEBDEN BRODRIBB will sell right out, WITHOUT RESERVE.
(CITY.
TO-MORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING, AT 11,
at
392 CLEVELAND-STREET, near Elizabeth-street, city.
The PIANO and FURNISHINGS of 6 rooms, in splendid order.
Details in Saturday's "Herald."
E. HEBDEN BRODRIBB, under instructions from the Owner, will sell, as above,
WITHOUT RESERVE.
BONDI,
AT MELROSE, MOORE-STREET, BONDI,
near Public School and Post-office.
Leave tram Wellington-street.
THIS DAY, AT 11 A.M.

SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS and EFFECTS for Absolute and Unreserved Auction Sale,
Comprising—
SPLENDID WALNUT FRAME PIANO
SOLID OAK SIDEBOARD, with Bevelled Plateglass.
WALNUT and OTHER OVERMANTELS, Carpets, Linoleum, Mirrors, Ornaments, Vases, Brackets, Curtains, Clocks, Pedestals, E.P. Tea and Coffee Service, E. P. WARE (Walker and Hall, Elkington, etc.), Glassware.
8ft EXTENSION PAT. SCREW DINING TABLE.
DINING-ROOM SUITE, MAHOGANY FRAMES.
Austrian and Rattan Chairs, Stair Carpets,
Oil Paintings, Watercolours, Etchings, Engravings.
DBLE. and SINGLE B.M. BEDSTEADS, BEDDING, Wire Mattresses, Handsome Draperies.
TOILET PLATE COMBINATIONS, WARE.
ART BEDSTEAD complete, Walnut Dressing Table, Chests of Drawers, T. Tables, Chairs.
SOLID CUTLERY, EPWARE, etc.
Child's Bicycle, Pat. Verandah Chair.
Books, 2-roller Mangle, etc., etc., etc.
KITCHEN and LAUNDRY FURNISHINGS
A Small Quantity of Personal Jewellery.

MITCHELL AND CRANSTON have received instructions to sell as above. Owner leaving district. ON VIEW PRIOR TO SALE.
Tel., 146 Redfern. Auctioneers' Office: 116 Abercrombie-street, Sydney.
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, AT 11 A.M.,
on the Premises,
Carrington-road, CHARING CROSS, WAVERLEY.

POSITIVELY UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION, under instructions from the Trustee in the Estate of the late Miss CANNON.
WELL-ASSORTED STOCK of MIXED GROCERIES, including sets Scales and Weights, and Fixtures, etc.
Also the
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS,
SINGER'S CABINET SEWING MACHINE, in perfect order, Drawing, Dining, and Bedroom Furniture, 2 Solid Cedar T-Drawer Chests, Kitchen Utensils, and Sundries.

ALLDIS AND CO., LTD., will sell by auction, without Reserve, as above,
THIS DAY.

JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 247A PITT-STREET, the UNREDEEMED PLEDGES pawned with Mr. S. BARNETT, of 419 Crown-street, Surry Hills, to 31st October, 1909.
At 11 o'clock—Clothing, Boots, Blankets, etc.
At 3 o'clock—Sundries and Jewellery.

FANCY GOODS, Glassware, Crockery, Brushware, Toys, Gent.'s Bicycle, Piano, Clocks, E.P. Ware, Jewellery, Clothing, Bedroom Furnishing, Books, Sundries.

N. RUMSEEN will sell THIS DAY, at 2 o'clock, at 110 OXFORD-SQUARE. NO RESERVE.

THIS DAY, at 2.30, 155 Regent-street.—Sideboards, Washstand and Ware, 8, and D. Bedsteads, Chairs, Tables, Crockery, Clothing, and Sundries.
COLE and BOWLING, Auctioneers

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

SALE OF UNCLAIMED CARGO.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT
(unless previously claimed)
THE CONTENTS OF THE UNDERMENTIONED CASES OF DRAPERY, BEING
UNCLAIMED CARGO EX S.S. BRUNDAH,
IN THE POSSESSION OF THE NORTH COAST STEAM NAVIGATION COY., LTD., AT
5 BURSEN-STREET, SYDNEY,
WILL BE SOLD BY AUCTION
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 3rd DEC.,
AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M. PROMPT.
By
JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE,
AT THEIR ROOMS, 128-130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET.

☞ THE FOLLOWING ARE THE BRANDS ON CASES:
1 CASE, 307 in diamond over Sydney 15;
1 CASE, 307 in diamond over Sydney 903.

☞ TERMS CASH ON THE FALL OF THE HAMMER.

IMPORTANT TO GROCERS, IRONMONGERS, DEALERS, AND PRIVATE BUYERS.

IMPERATIVE AND UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M., AT THE AUCTION SALEROOMS
of
JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE,
130-130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET.

GROCERY AND IRONMONGERY STOCK,
Removed from a Suburban Store.
Comprising a well-assorted Stock of General GROCERY LINES, including Jams, Potted Meats, Essences, Dates, Raisins, Sauces, Soap, Tongues, also General Ironmongery and Crockery.

ON VIEW PRIOR TO SALE. TERMS, CASH.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY,
3rd DECEMBER, AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.
UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION.
AT THE COMMODIOUS AND CENTRAL ROOMS
of
JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE,
128-130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET.

SUPERIOR FURNITURE
and
GENERAL HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS.
Removed from Several Suburban Residences to the Rooms for Convenience of Sale,
including—
TABLE GLASS, CHINA, CUTLERY, AND ELECTROPLATE.
ROYAL AXMINSTER and BRUSSELS CARPETS, of the Finest Quality.

SOLID WALNUT SIDEBOARD,
Modern Design, fitted with every convenience, Size 6 Feet.
WALNUT ENCLOSED DINNER WAGGON.
HANDSOME DINING SUITE, WALNUT CARVED FRAMES, UPHOLSTERED IN LEATHER.
TELESCOPE DINING TABLES.

MASSIVE SOLID WALNUT HALLSTANDS.
SUPERIOR ROLLTOP DESKS.
SOLID OAK SECRETAIRE BOOKCASE.

AMBERG'S PATENT FILE CABINET,
Fitted with numerous File Drawers, and Cabinet underneath, and enclosed with Venetian Shutter Front.

DRAWING-ROOM AND OCCASIONAL SUITES.
HANDSOME CABINETS, CHINA AND BRIC-A-BRAC.
CHOICE ORNAMENTS, VALUABLE PICTURES.

SEVERAL PIANOFORTES,
VALUABLE INSTRUMENTS, BY THE FIRST MAKERS.

SUPERIOR BEDROOM SUITES,
including
VERY HANDSOME SOLID WALNUT SUITE,
comprising Large Six Feet Wardrobe, Cheval Dressing Table, and Marbletop Washstand.

DOUBLE AND SINGLE BEDSTEADS AND BEDDING, and
GENERAL HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS,
Also,
GROCERY AND IRONMONGERY STOCK,
Removed from a Suburban Store.

SEVERAL CRICKET BATS AND BALLS.

AT TWELVE O'CLOCK NOON,

A 10-12 H.P. TORPEDO MOTOR CAR,
IN PERFECT ORDER, THE PROPERTY OF MR. CHARLES ABEL, who is disposing of it on account of being too small for present requirements.

☞ ON VIEW PRIOR TO SALE.

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE,
FURNITURE AND GENERAL AUCTIONEERS,
128-130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET.

TELEPHONE, CENTRAL No. 2056.

TO BOOT AND CLOTHING MANUFACTURERS,

UMBRELLA DO., AND HOUSEBUILDERS.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3,

AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK PROMPT.

EXTENSIVE UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION,

AT OUR NEW SALEROOMS, 50 YORK-STREET,
(Removed for convenience of buyers to our Rooms.)

Under Instructions from
Messrs. GAVIN GIBSON and CO., Ltd.
(owing to their relinquishing the Agency),
THE WHOLE OF THE LARGE STOCK OF
WHEELER AND WILSON'S MACHINES,
DUPLICATE PARTS, FITTINGS, ETC,
suitable for
PULLEYS, SHAFTING, TRANSMITTERS, Etc.,
LARGE QUANTITY POWER APPLIANCES,
Including BENCHES, STANDARDS, BEARINGS, Etc.
Also a number of
BOOT MACHINES,
ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT RESERVE.

DEAN AND CO.
(D. H. VALANTINE, AUCTIONEER),
GENERAL AUCTIONEERS, 50 YORK-STREET,
TELEPHONE, 3573.

SALVAGE.
FRIDAY, 10th DECEMBER,
AT SAXTON and BINNS' TIMBER YARD, PYRMONT
(Scene of the late Fire),
AT 11 A.M.
ON ACCOUNT OF WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.
WITH ALL FAULTS.
Under instructions from Messrs. SAXTON and BINNS,
One 50 NOMINAL HORSE-POWER (T. Robinson and Sons) ENGINE, ALLAN EXPANSION GEAR, 22 x 442; ROPE-DRIVEN FLYWHEEL, 11 Grooves.
One 30 NOMINAL HORSE-POWER (T. Robinson and Son's) ENGINE, 18 x 36 ALLAN EXPANSION GEAR.
One BELLIS MORCOM HIGH-SPEED ENGINE AND GENERATOR, complete, 12 x 19 x 9, including Feed Water-heater Copper Coil.
One AIR AND CIRCULATING PUMP, complete, and Condenser.
One TANGYE ENGINE, about 10 horse-power.
One COMPOUND ENGINE, 16 horse-power Nominal, Ruston, Proctor, Lincoln.
ALSO,
A LARGE QUANTITY OF SHAFTING, PULLEYS, WROUGHT and CAST IRON, BRASS, Etc.

FRASER, UTHER, AND CO., LTD., have received instructions to sell by auction the above.
MONSTER SALE OF BUILDING MATERIALS
BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, AT 2.30 P.M.,
on the Site of Demolition,
FRASER-ROAD, MARRICKVILLE.
½P. LEAVE ADDISON-ROAD TRAM at LIVING-STONE-ROAD, and you are almost on the Site.
DEMOLITION of 5 MODERN Weatherboard COTTAGES, comprising:—
800 SHEETS A1 Gauged Oak GAL. IRON, 6 to 16 ft.
10,000 FEET H'wood Joists, 4 x 2½, 3 x 2½.
10,000 FEET H'wood Ceiling Joists and Rafters, 4 x 2½.
10,000 FEET Studs and Wall Plates, 4 x 2, 4 x 2½.
5000 FEET H'wood Beaded WEATHERBOARD.
12,000 FEET LINING BOARDS, 6 x 1 in. Battle.
5000 FEET H'wood and Kauri Flooring Boards, Front Entrance Doors, with Frames, complete,
40 Panel Doors and Jambs, with Architraves,
40 Box Frames and Sashes, with Centre Bars,
1730 FEET 8 and 9 in Skirting, 17501 Architraves,
16 REGISTER GRATES, with MANTELS,
6 FUEL STOVES, ALL MODERN MAKERS,
VERANDAH POSTS and PLATES, complete,
80 FEET MONIER PICKET FENCING,
30 TONS IRONBARK SPLIT POSTS and RAILS.
And hosts of Sundries too numerous to mention.
☞ SPEC. BUILDERS and the Public generally should attend the above MONSTER SALE TO-MORROW.
A. BARNETT AND PUGH
have received instructions to conduct this
IMPORTANT SALE, WITHOUT RESERVE.
Police Department,
Traffic Branch,
Sydney, 16th November, 1909.
THE UNDERMENTIONED PROPERTY, deposited at the above Office, and unclaimed for the period of three months, will, in accordance with Public Vehicles Regulations 29 and 30, be sold by Public Auction on FRIDAY, the 3rd day of DECEMBER, 1909, by Mr. JNO. P. LISTER, at his Auction Mart, 247A Pitt-street, at 10 o'clock sharp a.m., unless previously claimed:—
Umbrellas, Parachutes, Sticks, Bags, Books, Clothing, Overcoats, Boots, and other articles too numerous to mention.
TERMS: Cash, no Reserve.
THOMAS GARVIN,
(1p-2) Inspector-General of Police.
THIS DAY, AT 2 O'CLOCK,
at 179 George-st West, opp. St. Barnabas' Church.
MIDDLETON and CO. sell by auction 500 lots new and second-hand Dresses, Blouses, Underclothing, Boots, Shoes, Men's and Children's Clothing, Bedding, Sundries, Crockery, China, Glass, Tools. No Reserve.

ARNOTT'S
DOUBLE XX SODA BISCUITS

CONTAIN ALL THE ESSENTIALS OF A PERFECT FOOD, BEING LIGHT, UNSWEETENED, PERFECTLY BAKED, AND VERY EASILY ASSIMILATED.

ALWAYS ASK FOR ARNOTT'S.

WELL-REGULATED FAMILIES

are fully alive to the importance of being prepared for those troublesome attacks of indigestion and kindred ailments common to all, and of effectively dealing with them in the early stages before they have become dangerous or chronic. Well regulated families are careful to have always a sound reliable remedy immediately available, and as experience has clearly proved the undoubted superiority of Beecham's Pills as a family medicine, a box of this invaluable corrective is always kept at hand. For removing such distressing disorders as Dyspepsia, Biliousness, Liver troubles in general, and Constipation, it is ever the wisest and most satisfactory course to

TAKE

Beecham's Pills. The remedial properties of these Pills, however, are not limited to the cure of digestive troubles alone, but exercise a specific and beneficial influence upon the nervous system. Well regulated families are aware that there is no finer tonic, nor any more certain means of banishing disease from the household than may be secured by a judicious and regular use of

BEECHAM'S PILLS

Sold Everywhere in Boxes, Price 10½d (35 pills), 1/1½ (56 pills), and 2/9 (168 pills).

AUCTION SALES.

"PIONEER" AND "URORA" ESTATES.

SYDNEY-RYDE TRAMWAY.
ONLY 2 MINUTES' WALK FROM TRAM, AND ADJOINING THE BRERETON HILL ESTATE.
GRAND RESIDENTIAL SITES. LARGE AREAS.
SATURDAY, 11th DECEMBER, AT 3 P.M.
TERMS, £3 PER LOT DEPOSIT, BALANCE 5 YEARS AT 4½ PER CENT.
'BUSES will leave Drummoyne Bridge, Sydney side, 2.30 p.m. on Day of Sale.
PLANS ON APPLICATION. TITLE TORRENS.
HUGH DUFF AND CO., AUCTIONEERS, 283 GEORGE-STREET.

BURWOOD.

IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE.
TO-DAY, FRIDAY, AT 11 A.M.
Under instructions from a Bill of Sale Holder, and Various Vendors.
A Great Assortment of
HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS,
in excellent order and condition.
MASSIVE SIDEBOARD WITH BOW-SHAPED FRONT.
Drawing and Dining Room Suites, Wardrobes, and Toilet Chests, and all Furnishings of several Bedrooms.
MAGNIFICENT PIANOFORTE BY "VERITY," IN WALNUT CASE.
Large Press, 40ft tin; Bedstead and Bedding in excellent condition, and several smaller Bedsteads, in first-class order.
CHOICE PICTURES AND ORNAMENTS.
Carpets, Linoleum, having received very little wear.
THREE MODERN BEDROOM SUITES, IN BEST WALNUT FINISH.
Mangle, Kitchen Dresser.
Laundry and Kitchen Requisites.
ICE CHEST, GAS STOVE, CYCLE, and a host of Sundries.
STRONGMAN, WATSON, & HAWKINS have been instructed to offer the above at the BURWOOD SALEROOMS,
and invite the attendance of trade and private buyers.
Telephone, 200 BURWOOD.

TO SHOPKEEPERS, DEALERS and OTHERS.
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 11 O'CLOCK, at the REDFERN SALEROOMS, 120 Redfern-st, Redfern,
under instructions from Proprietor, who is relinquishing business. Large and Assorted Stock of
DRESS MATERIALS, FANCY GOODS, comprising VOILES, ZEPHYRS, PRINTS, MUSLINS, SICILIANS, TWEEDS, PRINT REMNANTS.
76 DOZ. LISLE and GLACE GLOVES, 36 Doz. Hosiery, RIBBONS, LACES, Carpets, Linoleum, Oilcloths, and numerous FANCY GOODS, too numerous to enumerate
Please Note.—Large Shop Counter, Shirt and Blouse Stands, Tables, Chairs, Fittings, and Counter, 21ft. 1 ENERGUSON and GREVILLE will sell by AUCTION, as above. AUCTIONEERS' OFFICE: 72 KING-ST, NEWTOWN. TERMS CASH.
THIS DAY, FRIDAY.

ORDER OF SALE.
CITY, SUBURBAN, AND COUNTRY PROPERTIES,
SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION.
A Picture that illustrates in a way that will provoke a smile even in this period of high prices, the enormous prices of a miner's boy against the loss of pay-day's little luxuries.
INCIDENTS IN SYDNEY, NEWCASTLE, AND MAITLAND.
STRANGE SIGHT IN SYDNEY.
A Lorry Loaded with Coal.
The Last Train Load of Coke in the Big Round for Trisco.
PATHOS IN A SNAPSHOT!
Taking Home Firewood.
"ARE WE DOWNHEARTED?"
A Snapshot That Tells Its Own Story.
A MINER AND HIS BAIRNS.
A MINER'S DAUGHTER AND HER PETS.
MINERS' HOMES.

STRIKE CAMPS AT LAKE MACQUARIE.
AN INTERESTING PHASE OF THE TROUBLE.
Boiling the Billy.
Fishing for Flab.
Getting Ready for a Shooting Trip.

WHERE THE STRIKE HITS HARD.
Views of Darling Harbour.

A TRAMLESS CITY ON SUNDAY.
Pitt-street Deserted.
Back to the Omnibus.

EBBW VALE MINE.
Where Work has been Resumed.

VICE-REGAL VISIT TO LISMORE.
THE CITY DECORATED.
Views of the Show Ground.

WOLLONGONG'S JUBILEE.
PROCESSION IN THE TOWN.
Swimming Carnival.
Snapshots: How they went to Church 50 Years Ago—The "Tom Thumb" with Bass, Flinders, and Sailors—A Trotting Bullock.

EASTERN MONARO.
THE TROUT STREAMS.
By H. V. E.

THE WILSON-TYSON WEDDING.

NORTH COAST RAILWAY.
Landing of the First Locomotive at Wingham.

THE LATE JOHN LEE.

NEW PORTRAIT OF MISS GRACE PALOTTA.

A FINE MINING STUDY.
SOUTH COAST WHEELERS.
The Smiling Faces of the Youngsters Explain the Title: "Their Troubles."

THE NELSON COLUMN ON TRAFALGAR DAY.

GREAT AEROPLANE FLIGHT.
Count de Lambert Circles Eiffel Tower.

EGG-GRADING.
The South Australian System.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL IN SYDNEY.

SPECIAL ARTICLES, Etc.
The vastness of inland Australia is comprehended by few. Neither are the poss

ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

THE WHEAT CROP.

IN THE CENTRAL WEST.

FORBES DISTRICT.

I.

The State has now generally entered upon the momentous task of harvesting its wheat crop. Throughout the great belt on the other side of the mountains thousands of strippers are humming their dusty way through miles of rich grain. And they cannot stop. Strikes and industrial chaos may paralyse trade and engage the attention of all sections, but the wheat-grower can only pay it passing heed, for the work of the moment as far as he is concerned is to get the grain off his paddocks. He cannot wait or dawdle, because to wait means to lose the grain—the reward of a year's toil. Later on he may feel the pinch of the industrial trouble, indeed, in some cases is feeling and fearing it now, as it affects him when he wants to get more bags or to send his chaff or early wheat to market. But meantime the machines must keep their steady course round the wheat paddocks, and the more bags they drop as they go the more money the State of New South Wales will have to benefit commerce and trade during the next 12 months. As to how many bags there will be is a question that promotes highly divergent opinions throughout the land. Estimates of wheat yields must ever be tinged with an essence of hazard, although diligent inquiry and inspection finally come near the mark. The casual opinion, even amongst practical men, however, gives a wide range, and, indeed, seems largely influenced by the peculiar characteristics of the individual, and evolved according to his pessimism or optimism.

Anticipations of a great wheat crop have been so high during the last few months that the general tendency is to estimate too highly. That there will be a heavy and very satisfactory yield, particularly compared with the last couple of seasons, is certain. It is almost equally certain that investigation will show that early anticipations will not be realised. In October a preliminary estimate of the wheat harvest was set down in these columns at an average of 16 bushels, or, approximately, a return of 30,000,000 bushels. At the time it was pointed out that at such an early stage any estimate was liable to considerable alteration, according to the trend of the weather. The return mentioned would constitute a record for the State, the highest previous yield being 27,334,141 bushels in the 1904 season. At the present time there is considerable room for doubt as to whether those latter figures will be reached. They might be, but, in any case, it may be mentioned that it is questionable whether the 1904 record is reliable, and whether it was borne out by the actual returns secured by the growers. The opinion is certainly held in very well-informed circles that it was not.

While the early conditions were splendid and warranted glowing forecasts, the conditions during the last couple of months could have been very much better. In many parts of the State the want of good rain in October or even later has had its effect, and as far as the late crops are concerned, the returns will be disappointing. Again, dry conditions and certain possibilities engendered alarm amongst growers, and a large proportion of the area sown for grain has been cut for hay. This is very noticeable in the Forbes, Parkes, and Molong districts, and while the returns from the area stripped will be very good, and, in some cases, phenomenally high, the area cut for hay must not be lost sight of. There is the chance, providing prices warrant it, of a good portion of this hay being threshed, and as it is practically impossible to say how much of this will be done, it is more difficult to say what the actual return will be. All things considered, it will probably be more profitable to deal thus with the stacks, but this will depend upon the course of prices in the wheat market, and the value of fodder.

Having in remembrance the dry periods of the past many farmers, if in the position to do so, may decide to hold on to their haystacks until it is known how the next season is developing. It is one of the characteristics of dry parts of the State that some of the most successful farmers, financially considered, are those who held the produce of a bounteous year to dispose of it in times of famine. The price of fodder, particularly in the West in a drought year, has made this a profitable business. Profit has been made out of the misfortunes, or, perhaps, improvidence, of others, but it has required foresight, patience, and some courage. If farmers and graziers more generally realised the wisdom of providing against the wan years by conserving fodder when it is plentiful, famine prices would become rare. While they persist in taking chances, however, the man who puts aside tons of hay, to be sold perhaps two or three years' hence, is following a fairly safe and certain road to heavy profits.

In the Forbes district early anticipations pointed to a 20 to 25 bushel average at least, and at present some local authorities believe that this will be secured. It is quite safe to say that at least one-fourth of that figure could be knocked off, and then a very liberal estimate would be formed. The insurance companies, who appear to have done a big business this year, have worked on an average of 16 bushels, but this of course is on the actual area stripped, and allows the usual margin. The total area put down for grain shows a good increase on last year, being about 33,000 acres. Individually there are some splendid crops, and it is claimed that up to 40 bushels is being gathered. Crops running 20 to 25 and 30 bushels are fairly common, and it is certain that the season will be the best yet experienced in the district. The grain for the most part is a good clean sample, and an average lot of Purple Straw taken out of the bag in the local mill went 64lb. A fine sample of "Bobs" went 66½lb. "Comeback" and "Bobs" are bringing the best prices, and there seems a fair quantity available. "Federation" is also grown largely, although probably the Purple Straw wheats predominate. "Federation" is not a popular wheat with the millers, as it is not strong in gluten content compared with "Bobs" or "Comeback," but the grower favours it on account of the heavy yield, the disadvantage of it from his standpoint being its unsuitability for haymaking owing to its short straw and bad colour. This is a big handicap in a district such as Forbes, where dry spells must be expected.

Indeed, the local principle seems to be to reckon on one really good season out of four, and under local conditions this is claimed to be profitable. Adoption of such a theory, however, does not make for good farming. The tendency is to "take a chance" all the time in preference to adopting more thorough methods of cultivation. While the working farmer holds that it does not pay to plough and fallow the land, local examples are not wanting to prove that in almost any year a paying crop can be obtained where more attention is paid to these modern methods. The local farmers do not appear ready to get out of the old rut, but while due deference must be paid to the man with a practical and lengthy knowledge of the local soil and climate, there is little reason to doubt that a more modern system would soon demonstrate that the one year in four idea is a fallacy. The land is good and the rainfall adequate. A good percentage of it does not come at the right time for growing crops, but by fallowing and keeping the land loose it could be conserved in the soil, and utilised for the growing crop later on, instead of as at present being lost.

There have been some great hay crops reaped locally, the yields running up to three and four tons, and the yields of oats have been correspondingly heavy. Haymakers and stackbuilders have been scarce, the latter, it is reported, having been obtaining £1 a day for their services. The hay is a splendid sample, although it seems a pity so much of the crop was cut. Nevertheless the returns to local farmers will be good, and the district will enjoy a prosperity badly needed after the last two years, which were about as bad as in any part of the State. A speedy settlement of the present strike is imperative if produce is to be marketed properly, as given an absence of the coal trouble the railways will have a heavy task in shifting the grain, and fodder that is now being rapidly made available. The wheat yield in the Forbes district will be between 14 and 15 bushels.

ITEMS.

Heavy frosts in the Blayney district have damaged the grass and changed it from green to brown. The dry weather is now drying it off, and as there is abundance of it, bush fires are feared.

Bot flies are exceptionally numerous this season on the North Coast. From Harwood comes a story of two men chipping cane, when a bot fly attacked one and clutched him. It had to be brushed off, but before that was done it had laid two eggs in the short beard under his chin. In other parts of the State the flies are also said to be troublesome, but a red ribbon or rag tied round the necks of horses and the ends allowed to flutter in the wind is said to scare away the flies.

The Government is about to repair the pipe line used by the Hay Irrigation Trust, but the trust protests against it being done at present. It reminds the Minister that during the three weeks which the work is expected to occupy should bot weather intervene the forage crops in the area will be ruined beyond recovery, and asks that the line with all its faults should be allowed to remain as it is until summer is over.

Quite the best farmers' "Bulletin" issued by the Agricultural Department is that on diseases of fowls, written by Mr. G. Bradshaw. It treats on almost every disease to which poultry is liable, and coloured plates, showing the anatomy of the birds, form a prominent feature of the book. It has now reached its second edition, the first having been exhausted within three months of its publication.

So far, New South Wales appears to be fairly free from the grasshopper pest this season. Complaints are, however, heard from Victoria that the "hoppers" are very numerous in the western district, also in parts of Gippsland and round Whittlesea. There is a large inquiry for tubes of the grasshopper fungus which the Government Entomologist has introduced as a means of killing the pest.

The Minister for Lands stated in the Legislative Assembly last evening that the holder of a timber-getter's license cannot operate on a conditional purchase lease without the special authority of the Minister or forest officer, and that authority is not given without the conditional purchase lessee's consent. By section 14 of the Forestry Act provision is made to absolutely prevent operation by timber license on a conditional purchase lease without the consent of the conditional purchase lessee.

WATER POWER.

ENERGY UNAVAILED OF.

AN UPPER MURRAY STATION.

It is probably not realised by many people what a great sacrifice is being made of the wonderful power latent in the hundreds of rivers and streams of Australia. But in a visit recently made to the watershed of the Upper Murray it was clearly demonstrated that much can be accomplished by taking advantage of water power. Yeoma station, a large property comprising 35,000 acres of freehold land, furnishes a good example of this. This estate is situated on the southern slopes of the mountains between Tumbarumba and the Murray River, and is watered by Jingellic Creek. The woolshed is placed on the banks of this creek, while about half a mile distant, on the opposite bank, the homestead rests on a slight elevation. The whole of the shearing, chaffcutting, and woolscouring, as well as the lighting of the homestead, is done by the use of water from the creek. A race has been cut from the stream about a mile above the shed, and the water flows into a dam in front of the homestead. From the dam another race carries the water along the bank to a point where pipes convey it across the creek. Thence it flows into a race running into the woolshed. The race has a sudden drop into the shed, the water passes through a 12-inch pipe, and finally has a direct fall of 22ft to a 6ft Pelton wheel at the bottom of the shaft. The flow of the water measures 800 gallons per minute. The Pelton wheel develops 7-horsepower. The whole of the plant, including the shearing and woolscouring machinery, a bench, chaffcutting machine, and the dynamo for electric lighting, cost under £600, and the manager, Mr. David Langlands, who installed the improvements, is completely satisfied with the result. There were 12 shearing machines at work and all the lower classes of wool, such as pieces and locks, are economically secured under the same roof, the water required being supplied through another pipe from the same creek. Another wheel gives the power for working the chaffcutter, which, when running, cuts an average of six or seven tons a day. quite a number of neighbouring selectors take advantage of the machine to have their hay crops treated. Mr. Langlands intends to lay down a double line tramway on which the full truck going down will haul up the empty one. When this is completed two men will be able to deal with eight tons of hay daily. All the machinery is in charge of Mr. Langlands' son, a lad of 16 years, who takes a great pride in having the property is beautifully situated, and is one of the oldest in the district. Close to the homestead is a magnificent specimen of the cork tree of commerce. The tree is nearly half a century old, and its spread of foliage must have measured close on 40ft in diameter, with a butt in proportion. Another brother, Mr. E. Warburton, has a remarkable American cherry plum tree growing in his orchard. In 1907 he netted off this single tree no less than £22 10s. This is, however, explained, as some of the cases fetched enormous prices. The fruit was sent to the goldfields, and brought up to 30s per case. Another grower, Mr. Muir, of Mount Barker, pulled 44 cases off one pear tree. In several of the orchards patches of damp, spongy ground are met with. These require draining, else the trees planted in the vicinity soon suffer from "die back," a disease which is generally attributable to want of drainage, but which also in some instances is caused by a fungus that attacks the roots.

We proceeded to Katanning next morning. The wild flowers along the route were wonderfully brilliant in colour and most effective. At Katanning we visited the fine orchard propesty of Mr. A. Piesse, M.L.A., a man of great energy and enterprise. The delegates were hospitably entertained at Mr. Piesse's mansion, and we afterwards visited the Katanning show, and were banqueted at night. Altogether three nights were spent in the railway sleeping carriage, and the party arrived in Perth on the Saturday morning.

Free railway passes were provided for a trip to the Harvey district, also to Bridgetown. The former is the principal citrus-growing district in this State. The land is flat and soil a deep black, sandy loam. Large quantities of water lie on the surface, making it absolutely necessary to thoroughly drain; when this is done wonderful results are obtained. The orange does particularly well. Some of the trees, notably in Mr. Knowle's orchard, and also in Mr. Rath's, growing to a remarkable size. Some of the biggest trees I have ever seen at 15 years were to be found in Mr. Rath's fine property. He questions, however, as the trees grow older and the tap root gets down into the cold, wet subsoil, whether the orange in this district is going to be a long-lived tree.

The trees in the Harvey district were comparatively healthy; they are often troubled, however, with black or brown scale. To combat this pest the Western Australian Government has been propagating parasites. It is an open question as to whether the undertaking is a success or not, but the Western Australian Government are to be commended for still continuing the experiment.

The varieties of oranges grown in the Harvey district are principally the Washington navel and late valentia, as these are the most remunerative. Few mandarins are grown, and not a great many lemons. The Western Australian growers have great faith in the future possibilities of their State. They claim that they possess apt only a close market to the great European cities, but also say that their fruits ripen several weeks earlier than do those in the southern States. In this they are doubtless correct, but the time will not be far distant when not only will Western Australia have to be reckoned with as a fruit-exporting State, but New South Wales also.

APIARISTS AND THE ROYAL SHOW.

Mr. W. Abram, of the New South Wales and Commonwealth Beekeepers' Union, writes:—Attention has been drawn to a paragraph in the Friday's "Herald" under the heading "Royal Agricultural Society," wherein the secretary is reported having submitted to the council a circular from a beekeepers' association, and whereon comments were made and decisions arrived at "in order that intending exhibitors should not be misled." It is difficult to conceive how the secretary came to this conclusion, unless he misunderstood the meaning of the circular. Here it is:—

Will you exhibit in the bee and honey pavilion next Easter show, Sydney? If so, please state what space you may require. The committee will take charge of the small exhibits if previously arranged with the secretary or president of the union. Please your decision to Mr. W. Abram, Beecroft, as early as possible, but not later than January 15, 1910. The prize schedule will be published in due course, but it is practically the same as heretofore.

The executive of the N.S.W. and Commonwealth Beekeepers' Union, which has more than two years of previous similar concern, members have in view than to encourage a larger number of bee product exhibits from bona-fide beekeepers—not shopkeepers—and the circular does not state that the executive or myself are prepared to arrange for space. Our aim is to induce exhibits, and when beekeepers signify their intentions the secretary of the Royal Agricultural Society will be made aware of these facts, and the matter then be left in his hands. For that reason intending beekeepers are requested to send their decision to me by January 1 next—a date long before the closing of entries.

Bees have for a long way from Sydney, the executive live near, and if their offer to take charge of small exhibits is now objected to, then all I can say is this—that such has been done repeatedly and, to my knowledge, not objected to. Further, largely through my instrumentality, that section of bees and honey originated, and I am a loyal member of the society, in my opinion. Ever since the introduction of this section I have tried to induce country beekeepers to show their produce country beekeepers to show their products, and, according to the secretary's declination, a letter to me, dated November 19, have rendered myself liable to disqualification as an exhibitor and expulsion as a member years ago. My object has always been to aid and assist the industry. I make this explanation to justify my action as a business man.

FRUIT STORAGE.

A WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PLAN.

THE LINLEY PROCESS.

Mr. C. C. Tucker, who has returned to Sydney from Western Australia, where he represented this State at the National Conference of Fruitgrowers in Western Australia, in an interview, gives an interesting account of his visit and his impressions of the country generally. Through the courtesy of the Western Australian Government, backed up by the kind hospitality of the people generally, said Mr. Tucker, the visiting delegates to the National Fruit Conference of Australasia were enabled during their stay in the western State to make various excursions to see the agricultural and fruitgrowing districts. A special railway carriage was provided for the delegates at Albany, and free passes. On landing at Albany they were received by leading residents, and the next morning made an early start for Mount Barker, where they were met by other members of the Rural Association, and escorted round the district.

The district round Mount Barker is particularly suitable for apple-growing. In most of the orchards the trees are planted 25ft apart, this, of course, allows plenty of room for the years to spread, but it is quite open to debate whether the distance between the trees is not excessive; another 20 trees to the acre would probably give better returns during the earlier years of the orchard. The trees certainly, owing to the space afforded them and a liberal supply of manure, were well up to the average growth, and in several orchards some very fine specimens were to be seen. The orchardists here seem to prefer the Victorian and South Australian varieties of apples, such as Jonathans, Cleopatra, Dunn's Seedling, Rokewood, and others that are not familiar to Cumberland growers, and the style of pruning is more after that adopted in the southern States. The best system that I came across was not in Western Australia, but when on a visit to Mr. W. Robson's orchard in South Australia. The trees there were trained to carry six or seven leaders on a short butt, and these were studded with fruit spurs right up the main limbs of the tree. The centre was taken out, leaving all the fruit exposed to the light and sun. The advantages of this system are that no ladder is required, and much less resistance is given to the wind, besides making spraying and pruning much easier. I would like to see our Cumberland orchardists give this system of pruning a trial on their young trees, and I feel sure that if once they did they would never change back to the old style of pruning.

One of the first orchards visited by the delegates was that owned by Mr. Warburton.

THE CROPS.

KEMPSEY.—A good maize harvest is now assured, the recent showers having caused marvellous growth. Although much more rain is required for grass land, the outlook is encouraging.

SCONE.—Harvest work is proceeding, and crops are giving splendid returns.

WINGHAM.—The crop prospects have not for a long time looked brighter in the Wingham district than they do at present. The principal crop cultivated is maize, and in every centre it now looks splendid. Some good areas are under this class of grain. There is every indication of a most satisfactory yield being secured.

YOUNG.—Stripping operations have commenced. A few loads have already been delivered, the quality being of exceptional character.

THE SUGAR CROP.

MACLEAN.—The yield of cane on the Clarence this season totalled a little over 42,000 tons, being the lowest for 16 years. The average for that period has been about 62,000 tons, the highest being 90,000 tons, a few years ago, and over 84,000 tons in 1907. Next season's crop is also expected to be light, but the extensive plantings this season, with the favourable weather for the young crop, point to a considerably increased yield in 1911. The sugar contents of this season's crop are reported to be high. It is estimated that the return from the Harwood mill was about 5000 tons. The canecutters earned good wages, the leading gang making £62 13s per man, and others over £50, with rations, for 15½ weeks' work.

MEETINGS OF FARMERS.

ARMIDALE.—At a meeting of the P. and A. Association, it was decided that the Agricultural Department be requested to introduce compulsory examination of stallions. Mr. M. A. O'Callaghan was appointed judge of dairy stock at the next show.

YOUNG.—The Young R. and A. Society's fatstock competition resulted:—Best exhibited wheat crop of not less than 100 acres followed land: Henry Gray, farmer, Warrangong, 1; Thomas Lauder, abdre farmer, Marengo-road, 2. Best exhibited wheat crop on stubble land: A. H. Barr, share farmer, Morrilla, 1; R. Hopwood, share farmer, Burrangong, 2. Best exhibited bare fallow: J. Houliston, Monteagle, 1; H. Gray, Warrangong, 2.

GLEN INNES.—At the A. P. and A. Society's meeting a delegation was present from the Tenterfield society to confer with regard to Judd's disqualification by the Bathurst society. It was decided to ask the central committee to remove the disqualification at the end of the year. The Premier wrote stating that he would attend the national show. A committee was appointed to arrange a district exhibit for the show.

WOLLONGONG.—At a meeting of the Wollongong Agricultural Society a letter was received from the Agricultural Department stating that they intended to place an exhibit of apples in the window of the Immigration Office in Sydney at Easter, and requesting the Wollongong Society to send a case. It was decided to do so. A letter was also received from the Wollongong Municipal Council notifying the society that if the rates owing on the showground were not paid by a certain time, proceedings would be taken for recovery of same. A motion was carried disputing liability.

SHEARING.

FOREST REEFS.—F. R. C. Hopkins, Errowanbang South, cut out on Thursday for 429 bales; and Hobden Bros., Errowanbang North, cut out for 493 bales. Messrs. Hill and Co. shore nearly 3000, averaging 11lb per fleece.

LAND FOR SETTLEMENT.

GLEN INNES.—At the Deepwater subdivision sale 15 blocks were sold, aggregating 3340 acres, at an average of £3 6s 10d per acre. The total sales amounted to £11,164. All the purchasers had land in the vicinity, and increased their holdings.

PASTURES BOARDS.

BREWARRINA.—At the monthly meeting of the Brewarrina Pastures Protection Board, it was decided to reappoint Mr. A. C. Riley as rabbit inspector for the coming year. The rabbit inspector reported that during the month he had visited all the holdings on the Bogan from Charlton to Maryvale. Feed is plentiful, but there is plenty of it. Rabbits are decidedly on the increase. This is caused by prolific breeding, as nearly all rabbits seen are half-grown. The owners have in all cases taken steps to reduce the pest, and operations appear successful. The inspector also reported that as the meeting was the last to be held this year, he would include in his report a few remarks of past years' work. He had travelled a distance of 7000 miles, and had visited all parts of the district several times. Certificates had been passed for 201 miles of wire netting fences.

DAIRYING.

ARMIDALE.—At a meeting, under the auspices of the P. and A. Society to consider the question of establishing a butter factory at Armidale, a committee was appointed to draw up a provisional prospectus.

GLEN INNES.—A butter factory was opened at Deepwater on Wednesday. The first pound of butter was sold for £2 10s, the purchaser being Mrs. W. T. Cadell.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

NIMITYBELLE.—Shearing has almost concluded in all the sheds. An excellent clip generally is announced. Rabbits are very numerous in parts of this district at present, and breeding rapidly. Dry weather continues. The outlook is becoming very serious. The scarcity of grass has completely settled the cattle market, and they can be bought for almost any price.

AGRICULTURAL SHOWS.

MULLUMBIMBY.

MULLUMBIMBY.—The third annual show was opened on Wednesday by Sir Thomas Ewing. There were record entries, totalling 2500. Awards:—

Blood stallion, 3yrs: C. Underhill's Seneschal. Entire colt or gelding, over 2, under 3yrs: A. Walker, Entire colt or gelding, over 1 and under 2yrs: S. Noble. Mare, 3yrs and over: G. Kratz. Filly, over 2 and under 3 yrs: Dudgeon Bros. Filly, over 1yr and under 2yrs: W. Walker. Foal by sire of dam: W. H. Baker. Brood mare, with foal at foot: W. H. Baker. Champion stallion (blood): C. Underhill's Seneschal. Champion Mare, blood: G. Kratz. Draughts—Stallion, 3yrs and over: S. Walker. Entire colt or gelding, over 2 under 3 yrs: J. Kirk. Entire colt or gelding, over 1 and under 2 yrs: H. R. Bower. Filly, over 3 and under 4 yrs: J. Bowerman. Foal by sire of dam: G. Taylor. Champion stallion: S. Walker. Champion mare: W. R. Baker. Suffolk Punch stallion, any age: J. Bridger. Mare, any age: T. K. Johnston. Hackney stallion, to produce remounts: G. Underhill's Rembrandt. Hackney mare, to produce remounts: C. A. Gallagher. Ponies—Stallion, 14 hands and over 12 hands: A. E. Ball. Stallion, under 13 hands: G. Underhill. Mare, any hands: H. Ball. Pair ponies, Miscellaneous—Mare or gelding, suitable for farm work: J. Bridger. Pair of plough horses: D. F. Healey. Springcart mare or gelding, in harness: T. C. Johnston. Maiden buggy mare or gelding, driven: T. C. Johnston. Maiden buggy mare or gelding, driven: C. Walker. Trotting horse, in harness: M. O. Daley. Pony, 14 hands and under, in harness: L. H. Hurley. Pony, 13 hands and under: P. & Poolman. Pair ponies, 14 hands and under: G. E. Larkin. Maiden hack: J. G. Barrett. 10st hack: Virtue and Noble. 12st hack: Virtue and Noble. Hack ridden by Lady: Virtue and Noble. Champion hack: Virtue and Noble. Trotting horse: Virtue and Noble. Maid or married lady, over 13.3 and under 14.2 hands: Virtue and Noble. Maiden hunting contest: Sellick. Pony, ridden, 13 to 14 hands: Virtue and Noble. Pony, 13 hands and under, ridden: H. R. Thompson. Maiden galloway, ridden, over 12.3 and under 14.2 hands: Virtue and Noble. Champion pony: R. M. Thompson.

Bulls, with more than four permanent teeth: H. O'Meara's Claribell, 1; Angler, 2. Cow, milking, with more than four permanent teeth: A. M'Donald, 1; O'Meara, 2. Heifer, milking, not more than four permanent teeth: A. M'Donald, 1; O'Meara, 2. Bull, permanent teeth, not more than four: A. Rower, 1; R. M. Thompson, 2. Bull, no permanent teeth: H. O'Meara, 1; Tarlinton, 2. Bull calf, under 1yr: H. O'Meara's Claribell, 1; Angler, 2. Cow, dry, more than four permanent teeth: O'Meara, 1; Tarlinton, 2. Heifer calf, under 1yr: O'Meara, 1 and 2. Cow, dry, more than four permanent teeth: G. H. Bailey, 1; Muldoon Bros., 2. Champion bull: O'Meara. Champion cow: Alcorn. Jersey cow, milking: O'Meara. Cow or heifer, 2yrs and under 3: R. M. Thompson. Pen three cows: A. B. M'Donald, 1; O'Meara, 2. Three heifers and bull: O'Meara. Bull, cow, and calf: J. M'Paul. Ayrshires—Bull, more than four permanent teeth: O'Meara. Cow, milking, more than four permanent teeth: G. H. Bailey, 1; Muldoon Bros., 2. Heifer, milking, not more than four permanent teeth: G. H. Bailey, 1; Muldoon Bros., 2. Cow, dry, more than four permanent teeth: A. Sweaney, 1; Muldoon Bros., 2. Bull, permanent teeth, but not more than four: Johnston Bros., 1; Muldoon Bros., 2. Bull, no permanent teeth: A. Sweaney, 1; Muldoon Bros., 2. Heifer, permanent teeth, not more than 4: H. G. Bailey, 1; Muldoon Bros., 2. Heifer calf, under 1yr, champion bull and champion cow: Durhams—bull, more than four permanent teeth: P. Walker, 1; Johnston Bros., 2. Cow, milking, more than four permanent teeth: Johnston Bros., 1; W. H. Dudgeon, 2. Heifer, milking, not more than four permanent teeth: Reid Bros., 1; Johnston Bros., 2. Cow, dry, more than four permanent teeth: W. H. Dudgeon, 1; Johnston Bros., 2. Bull, permanent teeth, not more than four: Dudgeon Bros., 1; L. Hilder, 2. Heifer, permanent teeth, not mose than four: W. Coeran, 1; H. Livingstone, 2. Heifer, no permanent teeth: W. H. Dudgeon, 1; Reid Bros., 2. Heifer calf, under 1yr: W. R. Dudgeon, 1; Bailey. Champion grade cow: Johnstone Bros.' Coronation, 1; W. Walker, 2.

Boar—Berkshire, over 12 months, and boar, Berkshire, under 12 months: J. Torrens. Sow, Berkshire, 12 months: W. Walker. Sow, Berkshire, under 12 months: W. Hepburn. Boar, Large Black: R. Wilson. Sow, Large Black: W. Hepburn. Sow, any breed with litter of not less than eight, not more than 7 weeks old: J. H. Keehn. Pen four pigs: R. Argue. Champion boar, any breed: H. Wilson. Champion sow, any breed, certificate: L. H. Hilder.

PROPERTY SALES.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Limited, report having sold Jumble Plains, near Trundle, containing 14,000 acres of grazing and wheat country, the late owner (Mr. Gordon Yeo), retaining 1000 acres for himself. Also, in conjunction with Messrs. Prebble, Cox, and Co., near Gamilla, comprising 2000 acres of excellent wool-growing country, abundantly watered. The purchaser was Mr. H. Beverley Cooper, of Inverell, and the seller Mr. Augustus Hooke.

Tabletop Estate was sold in subdivisions last week, at Albury, at auction, by Younghusband, Row, and Co. Proprietary, Ltd., in conjunction with Dalgety and Co. Ltd. Hilder estate, which comprised 12,000 acres, was divided into 31 farms, and the prices ranged from £5 7s per acre to £7 2s.

STOCK MOVEMENTS.

BREWARRINA.—Week ended December 1: 569 lambs, ewes, and wethers, Walkam to Flemington, Fennell and Co. Ltd. 1152 mixed sheep, Quantambone to Flemington, R. H. Mearns and Co.; 42 mixed fat cattle, Collerwarroy to Flemington, W. Cowan and Co.; 207 ewes, Talawanta to Flemington, Dalgety and Co.; 2500 wethers, Urie Point to Mulga, A. B. Triggs; 9000 mixed sheep, Toorale to Goulburn, Keenan Bros.; 1020 bullocks, Kamilroi to Moorebrook, S.A.L.M. Co.; 3500 mixed sheep, Burrenbilla to Bathurst, Cobb and Co.; 500 sheep, Corella to Flemington, R.A.L. Co.; 920 sheep, Yarcurie to Flemington, T. Cornish.

CROPS DESTROYED BY FIRE.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

A destructive fire occurred at Hope Vale, 14 miles from Rainbow, when settlers lost property in the shape of wheat, hay, grass, and fencing to the extent of £2000. Mr. James Fisher was the greatest sufferer. His loss is estimated at £1000. The cause of the fire is a mystery.

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LAW REPORT.

SUPREME COURT.

BANCO COURT.

(Before the Acting Chief Justice and a jury of four.)

MAULED BY A CIRCULAR SAW.

Broughton v Fielding.

Mr. D. G. Ferguson and Mr. J. M. Sanders, instructed by Mr. P. M. Sanders, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Broomfield, instructed by Messrs. Sly and Russell, for the defendant. This was an action brought by John Broughton, labourer, against James Fielding, cardboard box manufacturer, etc., to recover £750 compensation for injuries sustained by him on March 19, owing to the negligence of the defendant or his servants in the management, control, and care of a sawing bench or machine. The action was based on the common law charging defendant with personal negligence, and the Employers Liability Act, alleging negligence on the part of defendant's servants having superintendence in connection with the machine. Defendant denied that the accident occurred through his negligence or that of his servants, or that the machine was in a dangerous condition.

Further evidence was called on behalf of the defendant in regard to the state of the bench saw prior to the accident, and among other witnesses Alexander Bailey, cardboard cutter, in the service of the defendant, said he had worked at the saw. It was in good working order, and anyone could manage it who acted carefully; but anyone who did not watch himself would probably meet with an accident.

John Peter Stelter, also in the employ of the defendant, said that two or three days after the accident he asked plaintiff how it happened, and he replied that nobody was to blame, that it was purely an accident, and his own fault.

In cross-examination witness said that plaintiff was a good workman as far as he could see.

This closed defendant's case.

Plaintiff, called in reply, said that defendant never complained to him of an accumulation of dirt in the factory, nor did he say to him that he could not afford to have his fire policies cancelled. He never told Stelter that no one was to blame or that it was purely an accident and his own fault. Stelter told him that the place had never been in such a clean state before, and that before long it would be quite shipshape.

Mr. Broomfield asked his Honor to direct the jury to return a verdict for the defendant, on the ground that as plaintiff knew of the risk and voluntarily incurred it the maxim volenti non fit injuria applied. He also contended that the accident did not occur through the negligence of a superintendent, to whose orders the plaintiff was bound to conform.

His Honor declined to direct the jury as asked.

His Honor in summing up said that if the defendant by his personal negligence brought about the injury in not supplying a machine reasonably fit to do the work it was called upon to perform, and which in its nature was dangerous, he would be liable at common law. If, being unable to personally attend to the machinery himself, he employed as a deputy an incompetent person to do so, and injury resulted, he would also be liable under the Employers Liability Act for the negligence of that person. But if the plaintiff knew of the danger he was running in working at a machine which he knew was improper and unfit for the work it had to do, and voluntarily undertook the risk, he could not recover; but the onus rested upon the defendant of proving that plaintiff knew of the risk and voluntarily incurred it.

The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff with damages £120.

ACTION AGAINST DENTISTS.

Clark v Smith and others.

Mr. James, instructed by Messrs. Pile and Rogers, of Carcoar (by their agent, Mr. A. W. E. Weaver), appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Broomfield, instructed by Messrs. Harold F. Morgan and Morgan, for the defendants. This was an action brought by Marjorie Clark, aged 11 years (by William Thomas Clark, her next friend), against John Bealby Smith, John Lionel Smith, Bealby Hillfield Smith, and Amy Gertrude Smith, trading as "J. Bealby Smith and Son," to recover compensation from the defendants for injury sustained by her owing, as she alleged, to the negligence of the defendants in regard to some dentistry work which plaintiff employed them to do. She said that the defendants acted so negligently and unskilfully that a certain band worked into one of her gums, whereby she suffered great pain, and incurred expense for medical and surgical attention and comforts. Three of her front teeth had also to be drawn afterwards. It appeared from counsel's statement of the plaintiff's case that Dr. Bealby Smith was in the habit of paying professional visits to the country, and in the course of one of these trips he met Mr. Carcoar, where plaintiff resided. Owing to the fact that two of her front teeth were not growing straight Dr. Smith was employed by her father, who is a storekeeper in the district, to attend to the matter. He ordered an indiarubber band to be placed at the root of the teeth, and plaintiff complained that the band in time became embedded in the upper gum, and her father was obliged to take her to the local hospital, where Dr. Hawthorne attended to her. Subsequently she went to a dentist at Carcoar. At the latter period the upper gum was in such an inflamed condition that the dentist refused to operate without the attendance of a medical man, and he then drew three of the plaintiff's front teeth. Between the two periods she suffered great pain and inconvenience. Damages were laid at £250.

Defendants pleaded not guilty.

The case stands part heard.

NO. 1 JURY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Cohen and a jury of four.)

CLAIM FOR £25,000.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited, v Municipal Council of Sydney.

This case is still unfinished.

NO. 2 JURY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Pring and a jury of four.)

THE CONSERVATION OF TIMBER.

Attorney-General v Taylor.

Mr. Piddington and Mr. Tighe, instructed by the Crown Solicitor (Mr. J. V. Tillett), appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Pike and Mr. Boyce, instructed by Messrs. Stirton and Moodie (of Moree), by their agents, Messrs. Villeneuve-Smith and Dawes, for the defendant. This was an action brought by the Attorney-General against James Ambrose Taylor to recover damages under a declaration by which the plaintiff set out that defendant was the tenant of the Crown of a settlement lease in the land district of Inverialds, and during such tenancy he wrongfully committed waste on the land by wilfully cutting down and removing valuable timber then growing on the land, and disposing of the same to his own use. The amount of compensation claimed was £500.

The defence was that it was a term of the lease that the defendant might kill by ringbarking or otherwise all trees and shrubs not of commercial value or of an edible nature, and not suited for building or fencing purposes. It was also a term of the lease that he should take from the land such timber as he might require for building and fencing purposes, and he committed no waste, and did no more than he was authorised to do by the lease and the terms above stated.

Mr. Piddington, in opening the plaintiff's case, said that the action was brought to assert the right of the Crown to save the State forests from depredation. In March, 1906, when Inspector Garland visited the lease, nothing had been done by defendant to which objection could be taken by the Lands Department, but in December of the same year it was found that defendant was using the lease for the purpose of cutting and selling the timber, such as pine, etc., which was commercially valuable. The Crown also asserted that between September, 1908, and January of the present year the defendant had cut and sold timber off the lease to the value of £479.

At the close of the plaintiff's case his Honor refused Mr. Pike's application for a nonsuit. Defendant then gave evidence that the only commercially valuable timber he cut on the lease was used solely for the purpose of extending and improving his house, and also for fencing. In February last he had five or six men engaged in cutting prickly pear and scrub; four men were also fencing; and there was a carpenter engaged at the house. There was nothing like the quantity of timber cut on the lease, as deposed to on behalf of the plaintiff.

The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff with damages £250.

IN EQUITY.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson, Chief Judge in Equity.)

CORDIAL-MAKERS AT LAW.

Schweppes, Limited, v E. Rowlands Proprietary, Limited.

Evidence was continued for plaintiff company.

The case stands part heard.

(Before Mr. Justice Street.)

A FAMILY DISPUTE.

Miller and others v Morris.

This suit still stands part heard.

IN DIVORCE.

(Before Mr. Justice Sly.)

WALSH v WALSH.

William Richard Oakes Walsh petitioned for divorce from his wife, Mary M'Lean Walsh, formerly Cameron, on the ground of desertion by reason of non-compliance with a decree of the Court for restitution of conjugal rights. Mr. C. W. Schrader appeared for petitioner, who said he was married in January, 1896, according to the rites of the Church of England. He recently obtained an order from the Court directing his wife to return to her husband's house. Such order had not been complied with. A decree nisi, returnable in six months, was granted, his Honor remarking, "It is certainly a short way to divorce."

PARSONS v PARSONS.

Ellen Parsons, formerly Miller, petitioned for divorce from her husband, John Barrick Parsons, on the ground of desertion. Mr. R. W. Fraser appeared for petitioner. The parties were married in April, 1904, according to the rites of the Church of England. Petitioner said her husband used to drink to excess, and was cruel to her. She was obliged to leave him, because of his cruelty and threats to shoot her. She had not been supported by him since 1905. A decree nisi, to be moved absolute in six months, was granted, with costs against respondent.

ACKROYD v ACKROYD.

Clara Ackroyd, formerly Knight, petitioned for divorce from her husband, William Ackroyd, on the ground of desertion. Mr. R. W. Fraser appeared for petitioner. The parties were married in December, 1896, according to the rites of the Church of England. Petitioner being then aged 18. There were two children of the marriage. Respondent was directed to pay maintenance to his wife, but only paid twice. Otherwise, he had left her without support for herself and child. A decree nisi, returnable in six months, was granted, petitioner to have custody of the children. Costs against respondent.

FOWLER v FOWLER.

Charlotte Betsy Fowler, formerly Williams, petitioned for divorce from her husband, Hubert Francis Fowler, on the ground of desertion. Mr. R. W. Fraser appeared for petitioner, who stated that she was married in February, 1900, according to the rites of the Church of England, at Redfern. In December, 1903, respondent left petitioner, saying that he was not going to work for her. There was one child of the marriage. A decree nisi, to be moved absolute in six months, was granted, petitioner to have custody of the

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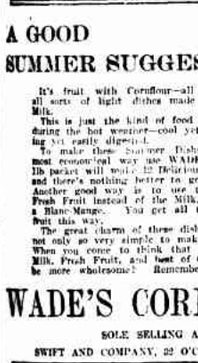

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THE WOOL LAND.

XIII.

PORTS AND FLEETS OF THE DARLING.

A FUTURE RIVER STATE.

(BY OUR SPECIAL COMMISSIONER.)

"Do you catch anything—can you see something white in the trees there?" asked the skipper a little anxiously.

It was on the Darling River, at a point about 180 miles from Bourke, by the river; or 60 miles by land—for the river runs about three to one. The nearest city of any real size was Broken Hill, and that was nearly 220 miles away. And Broken Hill itself, when you get there, is a town in a desert—a freak, a modern city surrounded by a basin as bare as the palm of your hand, and in its colour not unlike it to look at. That was the nearest big town. Stations not very far away, when the Darling runs too dry to float a steamer, send their wool to Broken Hill.

So this was a pretty lonely sort of a spot. The Darling runs between high banks, as steep as the banks of a railway cutting, and in dry times with about as much grass on them. And, the river being low, the view of the scenery from a Darling steamer is much the same as that from a train in a railway cutting.

Many people say that, therefore, the trip down the river by steamer is uninteresting. So it is if a man sleeps all the time. Because then, naturally, he is not aware of it when the ashen grey river banks of modern alluvial soil rise suddenly, and grow red, and you realise that you are running now between river walls made of the ancient red soil that once made the hills and valleys of this continent. The grains of the red bank that swims past you there were probably—acons and acons before—the cool red sand to which the olive light just filtered down through fathom on fathom of ocean. Creepy dark things crawled over them, and the deep sea currents furrowed them. There's not very much of the red soil left along the Upper Darling. But still there it is, rising so clearly from the grey that you could probably put one foot on the modern soil, and one on the old. Most of the river homesteads are built upon the red because, of course, it is the land above flood-mark. What is lower than the floods has been covered with grey alluvium. It is that same fertile red sand that covers the fences in the real Australia, and it grows all fruits well and wheat excellently. The Mildura fruit farms are built on it, and when the Darling comes to be dammed the irrigation settlements will probably be made on the patches of red soil.

If a man sleeps all day he misses the extraordinary hill which suddenly peeps down at him over the tree-tops at Gundabooka. Its flat top possibly marks the actual old surface of that sandy ocean bed, which has been worn away all'round. He misses the curious ridges of rock—all of that same ancient Australia—which every 10 miles or so crop suddenly out of the grey bank on one side, straggle obliquely, like some old dragon, across the water, and disappear into the grey banks the other side.

Those rocks entirely bar the river when it is low. As it rises and they begin to be covered they will still wreck a steamer. And yet when our steamer, the Jandra, was drawing 4ft of water and there was only 6ft in the tortuous channel through these rocks, and jagged boulders hidden a foot below the water on either side, we stood beside the skipper and watched him drive the steamer close under one bank and then shoot suddenly across to the other and back, following a channel of which not a trace could we see. But he knew it by certain ugly oily disturbances here and there in the smooth water. Once, when the river opened—for no apparent cause, but really because of the current swirling round a hidden ridge, the skipper stopped the ship dead, put basin, the skipper stopped the ship dead, put a line ashore, and warped her slowly around the basin close under one bank, as carefully as a battleship is warped into dock. There was not a sign on the surface to show that you could not have thrashed the Dreadnought fair down mid-stream. But the skipper could read the signs of his navigation. Other skippers watch the clouds, or the season, or the sunset. This skipper knew by some mark to which the water had risen on some particular snag or rock miles back that there was not enough water for him over the "Yanda" rocks.

HIS SOUTH HEAD LIGHT.

But at the particular point with which this article opens the river did not look interesting. It was a railway cutting unrelieved by rocks or red soil, or even ducks or pelicans. Only grey bank on one side, grey bank on the other, tops of occasional trees looking over them, and a strip of sky and water between. But the skipper was searching for something.

Now, the folk on ships sailing from Chili across the Pacific begin after many days to look anxiously for some sign very, very far away on the horizon ahead—a point or two on the bow it may be. And there turns up at last, perhaps in the early morning, exactly where and when they are looking for it, an intermittent white flush like the very faintest far-off reflection of a lightning flash. That sign they know marks the port of Sydney; and they make for it, and presently lift up a pin point, which is the South Head light.

This skipper, too, was looking for something.

"Do you catch anything in the trees there?" he said.

Then we, too, looked anxiously as tree-top after tree-top wandered past. We could see nothing to cause excitement.

"Ah, there it is."

The skipper's face had illuminated.

We looked; what was there?

"That sheepskin," he said, "on the lower bough. M'Ciochertie said he'd put it there to show where we were to land his groceries."

So here was the sign of a port of call on the Darling. The river is, roughly, 2000 miles long, and looks much the same from miles long, and looks much the same from end to end. And the captains have to look for—a sheepskin on a lower bough.

That evening we passed another sign. We found over our starboard bow an ancient piece of board—the skipper said it had once been a notice board—nailed across two posts. Beside it was a tree. On the tree was a scar, very old and deep. It was the letter T.

"That's Toorale," said the skipper. It's eight miles back from that tree, on the Warrego. There's hundreds of thousands of pounds' worth of wool been taken from just here. You can see the mark of it—there."

Down the bank ran a smooth, shallow groove worn in the dry, grey soil by the slipping of thousands of bales. That solitary T is the only mark of a great Darling River port. In some years its trade must have been not far short of £30,000. There are sea ports living on less than that.

We did not stop at Toorale. Another ship regularly does the trade of that port. We were making for another sign. After panting down river another day, dropping groceries and beer casks at the port of Louth, taking on fuel by the simple process of tying up, chopping it, and then rolling it down the bank at last, about nightfall, when the sky ahead was peeping in yellow slashes through the trees, and shining very softly on the dark river below, we turned into a long reach. We had been driving small batches of ducks ahead of us all the afternoon. The crew and the deck passenger were lying in the bows potting at them with a pea-rifle. The captain would not let them shoot pelicans, and the big deck hand would not let them shoot wood duck on the bank, because they could not pick them up. So, except for the hawks in the trees, the ducks swimming ahead of us had received the crew's undivided attentions, and were growing pretty shy of them. Mile after mile they kept ahead in short flights, never leaving the ribbon of river, never letting the steamer get close enough to be dangerous. The assistant deck hand had just taken the rifle from the fireman for a sporting shot, when the duck, of course, rose. Only this time, instead of flying on for a hundred yards and then swimming again, they circled wildly to the left, high over the bank, and flashed off like lightning through the trees.

It was another sign to navigators.

"That's how I can always tell when the other steamer's coming," he said—"by the duck flying back on us, so—or sometimes the other boat's waves coming up the river ahead of her. And it's the same when we get near a town. The birds won't pass it—they fly back out of the way."

It looked a countrified enough reach in all conscience. We had just passed a sight one had never before seen in Australia—some blue flower, possibly bluebell, growing as thick between the trees as hyacinths in an English wood, literally a bright blue carpet of them. We had seen white flowers—both daisy and some sort of peppermint—which you could smell for half a mile, growing the same way, during the last day or two; and a day or so later one found square miles of Dunlop actually carpeted with not only white and blue, but yellow also—one of those extraordinary results which a few days' rain brings from sheer desert in central Australia. This reach was, if anything, further from the world than the sheepskin port. There did not seem anything to frighten even a duck.

But presently over the edge of the bank there sailed by the grey roof of a shed. A man passed on the bank carrying a bucket. It was the sign of one of the busiest factories in Australia.

From that day to this day on which I write, nearly two months later, the steamer Jandra has done nothing except to make weekly trips to that quiet reach and back to Bourke, getting away as fast as ever she can load with the cargo from that factory. I happened to be watching the eight-hours processions of the trades unions in Sydney. On the last waggon, the Carters', there came sailing along 66 bales of dumped wool with the brand Dunlop. That had on part of the Jandra's cargo.

They do not call these ports "wool factories"—probably because they are out in the fresh country air, where all factories ought to be. But a man who hears the huge shearing-shed buzzing with machinery on one side, and the wool-scour pump coughing on the other as it sucks yellow Darling soup far up into the troughs in another big shed, and sees the wood fed into the troughs, clawed, clutched, soaped, shaken on iron teeth, finally fed out again and spread on the wool green to be dried under the sun into a dazzling dead white; who sees it carried into the pressing and dumping shed and pressed into half its size and then dumped with hoopiron bands into nearly half its size again, and finally carted off to a fourth big shed to wait for the boat—a city man who sees and hears all that for the first time cannot help realising that whatever it may be in name it is a factory indeed. There are the usual factory regulations. For instance, the water from the wool scour must not be returned to the river, so it is pumped out, at Dunlop, to irrigate South African Rhodes grass on the plain.

SAILING ACROSS AUSTRALIA.

People hardly realise that, all the while the railways are fetching their loads and emptying them into Sydney, there runs out beyond them all another stream of traffic in quite a different direction—up and down, past these wool factories, along one of the largest waterways in the world. It trickles slowly and fitfully at right angles to the railways for about 2000 miles—practically from Queensland to the Bight. Up and down the centre of Australia there steams—even at this day—a quite considerable shipping. For all we hear of it on the sea coast it might not exist. If Parliament could be transported just for one day, and dumped on the black and white wharfs 30 or 40 feet high that tower stage on stage above the little steamers at Bourke; if the members could stand on the edge, by the row of steam jib cranes, and watch Mildura fruits and Japanese onions lowered ever so far down into the little holds below—then the prospects of the Darling people might be different. There are inland ports away there at Bourke and Wilcannia which have still a river trade worth considering. It is true the railways to Walgett, Brewarrina, Cunnamulla, and Broken Hill have cut off great chunks of their hinterland. Before Brewarrina and Walgett lines were built 22,058 bales in a year came down the river to Bourke, and 4533 up river. Other towns have taken the whole of that trade from above. But last year Bourke still got 3000 bales by river from below. There is enough trade left to keep two or three Bourke steamers plying for all they are worth whenever the river is up, and occasionally to draw up one from the big fleets trading on the river below.

You do not realise until you get nearly 500 miles from Sydney that this long river is the chief public possession of the people living over about one-half of New South Wales. The minds of people on the coast are full of railways and roads. Newcastle coal, Sydney Harbour. People in the far west have one interest far above others—their river.

It is the one great public possession in that half of the State; and yet they hardly possess it. The people who possess it are the majority in Parliament, who come from Sydney and the coast, and who think a great deal of Sydney and the railways leading to it, and do not know or care tuppence about the river.

IF CAPTAIN COOK HAD A MAP.

Of course if Captain Cook had been given a map of Australia before he discovered it he would have spotted at once a great basin and waterway, and would have marked it off as a State by itself—because its people would obviously have one big possession in common, and would want to combine to use it and improve it with their own money in their own way. In that case the Darling would have been carefully nursed, locked, its flood water stored. And instead of the Sydney railways stopping short of it in the deadly fear that it might be of some use in carrying the produce of its own country away cheaply to its own mouth, there would have been a whole system of little railways running down to it on either side to feed it—much as the small bones run into a fish's backbone.

But Captain Cook was not given a plan. The Darling, when it was found, was tacked loosely on to Sydney. Sydney has pulled a snag or two out of it. The head streams have been dammed, and the floodwater does not reach the Darling as it used to. When it does, with the exception of what is caught by an ill-planned but still useful weir at Bourke, it runs into the ocean exactly as if white men had never come to Australia to stop it. So there are no fruit or vegetables or grain worth considering grown along the Darling. The water has to be lifted 30 or 40 feet to irrigate them, and it takes a capitalist to do that. The fruits often come from Mildura and the chaff from Adelaide. Both are near the river; and the goods come over land. But it is generally ocean water. The river water is not there.

If there is but a chance of a river the whole country rushes to it. Two years ago wool teams came from the Paroo to Wilcannia on the chance that the river was up. They had to turn round when they got there, and go 120 miles to Broken Hill.

For one half of New South Wales there is one thing to be done. It is bound to be done, because it is the one apparent thing that can be done. If it is a failure it is worth spending a million to prove that for half of New South Wales nothing can be done.

THE ONLY WAY.

The Government of New South Wales for the price at which it built the Central Railway Station might have changed the map of Australia. Its own Royal Commission told it that it could put 17 locks on the Darling for £530,000. It is really no wonder the people of the far west are a little bitter. It is not that they have any right to look for special favour from the State, because although they are out there under immeasurably the hardest conditions turning the problematical half of New South Wales into use, and so might well be given every favour by far-seeing Governments, still, it is their livelihood; and if they choose to help themselves that way they cannot demand favours on that account. But they can demand that their own Ministers, who are their Government as well as the Government for Sydney, should be able to look at their questions from their point of view.

Yet it does seem impossible for a Government in Sydney, however well it wishes, to stand in the shoes of the westerner and see things as he sees them. The west will get each of its wants just so soon as it can prove that that particular one is of benefit to Sydney; and it will never get any others until it has the political sense to form itself into a separate State, with a capital neither at Sydney nor Melbourne nor Adelaide, but in Riverina or the lower Murray, or in some part of those great river basins whose people have the same wants and the same problems, and could agree to spend their own money on their own projects with an eye to their own benefits; and not to make life easier for the easy livers in a few great cities on the coast.

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The case of Mrs. Stephen Nestor is one that should be read with interest by all those suffering in a like manner. Mrs. Nestor says:—

"About two years ago I started to ail with Indigestion. I used to work at a boot factory, and I think the constant bending over the machine affected me, for I used to come home with the most splitting headaches. Often I had to stop away from work all day. I began to get worse, and the buzzing and ringing noises in my ears were dreadful. I had to keep putting my fingers in my ears, and I began to grow quite deaf. My food began to disagree with me. Every scrap I ate gave me a pain at the breast bone, and would seem to lodge there for hours. I began to waste away, and lost every scrap of colour and strength. It was an effort to go outside the door. I'd only sleep very little at night. I'd wake up shaking with fright, and the perspiration would roll off me. I had a dreadful dull ache across my back. These attacks would last about half an hour at a time and then fade away. I could only wear loose clothes, and I always had to sleep near an open window or I'd have choked. I had to gasp for each breath at night. No one could have felt more low-spirited and wretched than I did. I dare not eat. My food would repeat on me, and my tongue would be coated. My heart used to thump and jump if I got the least start. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills were the only thing that did me any good. I could feel a distinct improvement before I started the fourth box. They improved my appetite, and I did not get such attacks of retching. I kept on taking them, and very slowly I began to mend. Those awful racking headaches got less, and I didn't have so much of that buzzing in my ears. I began to feel brighter and cheerier. I could sleep much better, and lost that tight feeling and weight on the chest after eating. My back eased up. I shall always speak highly of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for all the good they did me."

Mrs. Nestor's present address is 6 Washington-street, Sydney.

INDIGESTION.

A SYDNEY WOMAN SUGGESTS A COURSE OF TREATMENT.

Mrs. Thomas Royce, of 50 Albion-street, Surry Hills, Sydney, obtained no relief from Indigestion until she tried Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Sufferers from stomach trouble should profit by her experience. She says:—

"I suffered a great deal from Indigestion for years. As sure as I ate anything it would lodge in my chest and stay there for hours after each meal. I'd have such a nasty taste in my mouth, and all the food tasted the same. I had no colour, and would always feel out of sorts and wretched. I was a sufferer from the most distressing headaches on the top of my head. I'd think my brain was affected with the beating and hammering that seemed to go on, and the ringing in the ears. I'd bring up quantities of bile. I'd get dizzy turns. It seemed as if the room and everything were rushing round me, and I'd have to sit down. When those headaches came on I could hardly hold up my head. Often I couldn't look at a meal table, for I knew I'd suffer if I swallowed anything, and feel such a tightness on the chest as if I couldn't get another breath. A lady friend told me about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I gave them a trial, and they took away all these troubles. From the first they improved my appetite and eased off that heavy weight on my chest after eating. I began to suffer less severely from those dreadful headaches and the swimming sensation. The ringing and buzzing noises in my ears went away, and I began to sleep better. Before I had finished the second box my breathing was as easy as I could wish. My appearance has improved, and today my health is very good."

A SCIENTIFIC FACT.

WHEN THE BLOOD IS BAD, THE DIGESTION IS BAD.

N.S.W. WOMEN TELL HOW THEY WERE CURED.

"I got very run down by degrees, and then my stomach got weak," said Mrs. Andrew Hill, 6 Boundary-street, Redfern, Sydney. "I never fancied my food; I only ate very little, because whatever I swallowed lodged in my chest like a weight, and seemed to stay there for hours, giving me a tender feeling right through to the back. I always felt heavy and oppressed, as if I couldn't breathe properly. I always felt languid and tired all day, and the hot weather affected me terribly. I took no interest in anything. I slept badly. I'd lie awake hours, and doze off towards morning, and wake up fit for nothing. I began to get very thin also. I was in a miserable state when I decided to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and they did me good from the first. After only a few doses I felt brighter and a little stronger, and the food seemed to have a relish. Before that box was finished I was greatly changed for the better. I got a second box, and found my headaches going, and I began to sleep soundly, and my energy came back. Now my health is very good."

LISMORE WOMAN CURED.

"I never had a sickness or ailed in any way until before my marriage, when I got Indigestion," said Mrs. Allen John Watson, Bounty-street, Lismore. "It came on gradually—soon I was a regular martyr to it. I couldn't fancy my food. What few morsels I forced down gave me dreadful pains in the chest, just at the end of the breast bone. I felt as if all my food was lying there cold and heavy. Fruit and very light things were about the only articles I dare touch. Tea I always wanted to be drinking. My tongue was coated, and seemed to be twice its size. I had a horrible taste in my mouth, more especially the first thing in the morning. I had attacks of wind, and headaches always. My face got very sallow and yellow-looking. When I took a breath a pain shot through between my shoulder blades. I never had a night's good rest—I could only snatch a little sleep now and again. I'd lie awake listening to the clock strike hour after hour. I often had a dazed, dull, heavy feeling, and then I'd have to lie down and rest—plenty of days I couldn't do anything about the house at all. At times I was very irritable and short-tempered, as well as fearfully low-spirited. I used to get nasty turns with my heart, and always had a feeling as if something was going to happen. After going through all this misery I read about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I took four boxes, and they cured me. I haven't had a sign of Indigestion since."

A HEAP OF MISERY FROM INDIGESTION.

SYDNEY WOMAN HAD A BAD BOUT —HEADACHES — HEARTBURN— DROWSY AND LISTLESS.

"I have suffered tortures from Indigestion for years, practically from girlhood," said Mrs. John Pierce, 177 Pyrmont-street, Pyrmont, Sydney. "I never had any appetite, and what I swallowed lay on my chest like a cold stone. My shoulder blades would ache, and I'd nearly feel suffocated. The pains lasted for some time after each meal. My head ached till I was nearly crazed, the pain being up both sides. Every little while there was a buzzing in my ears, and I'd get quite dizzy. I had no strength. All day long I was drowsy and listless. My tongue was always coated, and I had always a vile taste in my mouth. Often I had some very bad attacks of vomiting. The doctor told me my Indigestion was Chronic, but I got no benefit from his treatment. Nothing did me any real good till I read about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I read about them in a little book, so I thought I would give them a trial. After the first box I was able to eat my meals without fear of suffering afterwards. I began to sleep better and to get a little stronger. Before I left off Dr. Williams' Pink Pills I was fully restored to health."

TO CURE STOMACH TROUBLE.

Try and remove whatever causes Stomach Trouble. That is the right way to set about a cure. Stomach Trouble is a general name for all the forms of indigestion, whether great pain after eating, belchings of wind, heavy feeling in the stomach, nausea, or the sharp pains that often feel like heart trouble. There are two things noticeable in Indigestion. One is, that doctors always find Indigestion a prominent symptom in a bloodless run down state. The other, that sufferers with Indigestion usually find relief when a tonic is taken that restores the general health. Without a doubt stomach trouble is simply stomach weakness. The right cure is to make the stomach strong enough to digest food without any trouble. Any other treatment is mere patchwork at the best. Purgatives merely move the food on. Pre-digested foods don't call on the stomach to do it's own work. As the processes of digestion are controlled by the blood and the nerves, the stomach that is too weak to properly digest food needs a tonic to give it strength. We have never heard of anything that has cured so many cases of Indigestion as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. This is because they make new blood, tone the nerves and so strengthen all the bodily functions. As proof is stronger than any argument we give above the particulars of several cases recently reported.

It is a fact that people who look smart and shrewd are never pestered by the shop-keeper to take one of his own so called cures. They get the genuine without question. If one begins to talk to you of something "just as good" you may conclude he thinks you easy to gull. There are many places where genuine goods are always given without question—trade there. Price 2s. 9d. per box, six boxes 15s. 3d. from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co. of Australasia Ltd., Sydney.

DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS.

THE DAY OF THE DOG.

CHAMPIONS AT THE SHOW.

All sorts and conditions of dogs mustered in force yesterday at the Exhibition Building. The occasion was the premier show of the year, held under the auspices of the Kennel Club of New South Wales. The range of the fancy is wide, and extends from the miniature terrier of three or four pounds weight to the massive St. Bernard, whose avoirdupois runs close on a couple of hundredweight.

The incessant barking of the smaller terriers rendered ordinary conversation inaudible. The bigger breeds, such as the Bloodhounds and the hounds, had no time for such discord, and remained in dignified silence. With canines, as with humans, it is usually the smallest specimens that make the most noise.

The club's judges were mostly strangers to the dogs and their owners. Mr. J. C. Coupe, Australia's veteran adjudicator, came from Victoria to judge three-fourths of the show. Mr. Grieveson, who also hails from the southern State, judged Australian terriers. Mr. John Quinn, from Stockbridge, and Cootamundra, made the kelpie and cattle dog awards.

Percy Russell, one of the oldest fanciers, won the St. Bernard specials with Burry Boy, a good specimen of the "Saintly breed." In Deerhounds the honours went to J. A. Dickson and Mrs. Colin Christie (Brisbane). Unfortunately Truenet Model, while on her way to the show, slipped her collar, and escaped the ordeal of judging. In greyhounds that notable dog Grand Slam, who is open to run any "longtail" in Australia, asserted his show points and won the grand challenge shield right out for his popular owner, Greg Keighery. R. W. Peacock, of Bathurst, was most successful with pointers, his winners being Cannon, Daisy, and Moston Beatrice, but the veteran W. S. Woodward showed the challenge dog, Brumnay Prince Imperial.

Foxhounds are distinctly on the up grade, thanks to the influence as a sire of Leslie Barry's Nobleman, who came from Lord Leconsfield's kennels. That dog not only won in the open class, but his progeny, Marcus and Primrose Molly (the latter owned by W. T. Osborne), won the remaining classes. Collies were poorly represented in dogs, but the bitches made attractive classes. Bookham Bill, shown by J. S. Clarke, had a procession in five classes. In bitches, W. Cheeseman's Brighton Lassie scored in novice, Australian, and challenge, her nearest opponents being H. F. Carling's Poplar Princess and J. S. Clarke's Bookham Rose. Cattle dogs made a good showing, and this utility breed is clearly on the up grade.

The best classes in the show were considered to be the popular fox-terriers. Campbell Wood, of Newcastle, came out on top with his imported dog, Ruby Cedric, who turned the tables on his recent conqueror, R. L. Wilson's Duneraggan Defiance. In the bitch classes H. Moses, jun., won everything, bar puppies, with Glendon Mischief. Glendon Gem, and other winners were Gabol Jack and Dundonald Lin and D. Defiance.

Bulldogs were numerous, and of good quality. Chief honours went to Mrs. H. Thomson's brace of champions, Monton Donovan and Sheila. H. A. Feather had a good innings with Ingrow Vicar, who scored in three classes. Mrs. M'Ennally won in puppies with Lord Chancellor. Other winners were W. M'Namara's Victoria, R. R. Lee's Waratah Rose, and H. E. and P. M. Crane's Sweet Singer. In the bull-terrier section, the winners in dogs were Mrs. F. Hall's Wyndham Kid, E. Whelpton's Garoobeck Magician, Dugan and Burns' South Head Victory, and W. Miller's Braeside Blue Bell.

There was fair competition in Irish terriers. T. S. Prescott's dog Baldoyle won all he could, including the challenge. G. R. Hamilton's Micky was the successful novice; Miss Benn's Chum won in pups. J. T. Challinor, of Lithgow, won in open bitches with Lady Enkbank, who was followed by J. F. Dabbs' Braeside Rhua and J. B. Molloy's Erina. Professor Welsh and J. B. Jones won between them seven out of the eight classes for Airedales. Mr. Jones won novice, limit, with Kalingo Clongbrong. Professor Welsh scored with Sherwood Chief, Kalingo Coon, and in the brace. Harley Mackenzie won in novice bitches with Covert Myra. Cocker spaniels saw J. T. Wilson, of Waratah, ahead with Kiaora, King Edward, and K. Queen. A. G. Lamb had a field day with Kilkee Bones, K. Ribbons, A. Albert won twice with Kingsborough Rufus, and Hilo Blue Bell scored for H. Macdougall.

Honours in Scottish terriers went to W. R. Turner with Ivanhoe and The Lovely Lady Morison. George Johnson lifted the valuable Woodstock Australian terrier challenge cup with Monaro Glenara, and he also scored with M. Carara. In sandies, J. B. Matterson carried all before him. T. J. O'Loughlin, as usual, came out on top in Sydney silkies, winning with Kinvara Royal Boy, K. Standard, K. Lassie, and K. Duchess. J. R. Rowe's Ultimo Nip and J. Westman's Jess also got blue ribbons.

The show arrangements were in the capable hands of Mr. A. B. Hellmrich. The challenge certificates will be allotted to-day, and the show will close to-morrow night.

ALLEGED SHOOTING WITH INTENT.

MAN COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Albert Nelson was, at the Prahran Court to-day, charged with having, on October 6, shot at and wounded, with intent to murder, Florrie Sturgess. Nelson was also charged with having attempted suicide.

Florence Sturgess said she had known accused for three years, during which time, up to the date of the occurrence, she had been keeping company with him. On the night prior to the shooting, witness told accused that she would not go out with him any more; that she had "given him up." He then left. On the following night she was walking along Chapel-street, and accused asked her where she was going. She replied, "To meet a boy." Accused said, "I will knock him down if I meet him." They walked a little way together, then separated. Later she joined accused, with whom she walked home. As she was going in the gate accused, who was about a yard away, presented a revolver at her. She said, "Please don't," whereat he lowered the weapon, but again presented it and fired. She was struck on the mouth, and after standing for about three minutes she ran after him down a sideway, near the house. She was unable to overtake him. Her sister came to her assistance, but just prior to that she heard another shot not far away. From the shot in her mouth witness had lost three teeth, and the bullet lodged in her tongue. She had once previously seen accused with a revolver, when he said, "You will never have anyone else. I would rather shoot you."

Accused, who pleaded not guilty, reserved his defence, and was committed for trial.

A BANK MANAGER'S DEATH.

THE CORONER'S FINDING.

CASINO, Thursday.

The Coroner continued the inquest regarding the death of G. A. Thomas, bank manager, the evidence being taken on the bank premises.

Mrs. Thomas said she had been married five years. Thomas was unwell for many months, but had no medical advice for some time. He complained of being very depressed. Little things seemed to worry him lately, which formerly he would take no notice of. She asked him several times to see a doctor, but Thomas said there was nothing to trouble about. As far as Mrs. Thomas knew there was nothing in his private affairs to cause the slightest anxiety of distress. Deceased was 40 years of age.

William Gray, accountant, recalled, stated that since the adjournment of the inquest he had been through the books, and found everything in perfect order.

The Coroner's verdict was:—I find that on November 23, at Casino, G. A. Thomas died from the effect of a bullet wound inflicted by himself while in a state of unsound mind, induced by acute nervous depression, consequent on ill-health.

SYDNEY'S POST OFFICE.

EXTENSION RECOMMENDED.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Before the Postal Commission to-day Mr. Miller, Secretary to the Department of Home Affairs, made an important statement regarding the Sydney General Post Office. In reply to the chairman he said he knew the Sydney Post Office well, and thought it very unsatisfactory. Much of the work was done at a loss of at least 20 per cent. He agreed with the chairman that if Sydney was to have an adequate General Post Office, there must be a resumption of land in Pitt, King, and George streets. If that were done Sydney would have the finest post-office in the Southern Hemisphere. If the transactions were on sound business lines there would be a profit from the leasing of business frontages. He had recommended the adoption of this course to the Minister. The alternative was to deprive Sydney of a General Post Office, and to scatter the business of the department.

At the close of Mr. Miller's examination, the chairman said that the taking of evidence had closed. During the Parliamentary recess members of the commission would consider their report as opportunity offered. They hoped to present it early next session.

DR. SHELDON'S NEW DISCOVERY for COUGHS and COLDS cures Coughs and prevents Consumption. Gtnd. 1/6 and 3/.—Advt.

TRADES AND LABOUR.

COOPERS.

The Coopers' Wages Board sat last evening at the Central Police Court, Mr. T. E. Spencer presiding. Mr. Croft, who appeared for the union, said the claims were largely based upon old working agreements, and it was desired that the award should be made operative over the whole State.

Joseph Gartner, cooper, said that during the past nine years he had been employed by the Colonial Sugar Co. A cooper required a kit, costing about £15. The work required skill, and was laborious and unhealthy. The cost of living had increased of late, his expenses for food had increased by 10 per cent. The union desired that 48 hours a week should be made uniform throughout the trade. At present several firms had different hours of starting. He was in favour of the starting at 7.30 a.m. Two firms had discarded the two breaks, and he believed it had worked satisfactorily. The union's claim for 1s 4d an hour for day work, with broken time, counted at not less than half a day, a fair one. An improver or apprentice would never become an all-round cooper unless he was kept on new work. The right to pay apprentices two-thirds of the log rates after completing five years' service would tend to work being slummed.

TUGBOAT OWNER'S EVIDENCE.

"CREWS HAVE A GOOD SOFT JOB."

Last night the Shipping (Tugboats) Board sat at 51 Young-street, Mr. L. Whitfield presiding.

Andrew Fenwick (Messrs. Fenwick and Co.) said he could not allow one day off in seven, owing to the expense. Owners would not care to put on chance men as masters or engineers, as it would not be safe. Competent men could not be easily obtained for the boats; and if it was made compulsory to allow one day off in seven, it would mean that a master, engineer, and deckhands would be required in reserve. The men preferred to take that work with extra pay to having the time

BIRTHS.

HANNINGTON.—December 1, 1909, at Brooklyn, Northcote-street, Marrickville, to Mr. and Mrs. Hannington—a daughter.

WOODS.—November 30, 1909, at her parents' residence, 306 Norton-street, Leichhardt, the wife of S. M. Woods—a son.

MARRIAGES.

CROMPTON—DEAN.—November 1, at St. Mathias', Paddington, by the Rev. S. G. Fielding, George Gilbert, son of the late Colonel William J. Crompton, formerly of H.M. 60th (Berkshire) Regt., to Emma, only daughter of the late Job Dean, of Sydney.

MUSGRAVE—HARRINGTON.—October 24, 1909, at St. Thomas' Church, Lewisham, by Rev. T. Phelan, Catherine Harrington, eldest daughter of the late Roderick Harrington, of Summer Hill, to John Charles Musgrave, eldest son of Daniel and Mary Musgrave, Petersham.

DEATHS.

BANCROFT.—November 16, at her residence, Queen-street, Grafton, Sarah, beloved wife of Arthur Bancroft, hotelkeeper, from paralysis, in her 68th year. May her soul rest in peace.

CAZALY.—December 2, at Inglefield, Pittwater-road, Manly, Clarissa, widow of the late James William Cazaly, of Sydney and Auckland, aged 88. By request, no flowers.

DETTMANN.—December 2, John Hugo MacCallum, infant son of H. S. and N. Dettmann, aged 8 months. Funeral leaves Walronga, Longueville, this (Friday) afternoon, 3 o'clock, for the Gore Hill Cemetery.

EVANS.—December 2, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Raymond Kennedy, the beloved son of Charles S. and Catherine Evans, aged 14 years.

JACKSON.—November 30, at her late residence, Winnima, Scruyn-street, Moore Park, Eliza, widow of the late W. M. Jackson. Interred Rookwood December 2nd.

JOLLY.—December 2, 1909, at his residence, Lenwood, 37 Metropolitan-road, Enmore, John, dearly loved husband of Annie Jolly.

LEES.—December 2, 1909, at Nettona, Gordon-crescent, Stanmore, Norman, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lees, aged 5 years and 11 months.

PITT.—December 2, 1909, at Victor Cottage, 35 Flinders-street, Caroline Jacobs Pitt, aged 80 years, widow of the late John Pitt, of Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, England. At rest.

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SMITH.—December 1, 1909, at his residence, Cooper-street, Strathfield, James Smith, late of 24 Ivy-street, Redfern, aged 84 years. R.I.P.

UNDERWOOD.—December 1, 1909, at Warroo, Tural, Queensland, Richard Underwood, aged 58 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

COLVIN.—In loving remembrance of my dear wife and our darling mother, Lucy Colvin, who departed this life December 3rd, 1908, aged 38 years.
The flowers placed above her grave
Will wither and decay,
But the love for her who lies beneath
Will never fade away.
Inserted by her loving husband, James Colvin, and her five little sons.

COLVIN.—In loving remembrance of our dear daughter and sister, Lucy Colvin, wife of Captain Colvin, who departed this life 3rd December, 1908, aged 38 years. Inserted by her loving father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goff, and sisters, Mrs. F. Paxton and Mrs. P. Johnson.

CHRISTIE.—In loving memory of our dear father, Charles Joseph Christie, who departed this life December 3, 1907.
We saw him fading day by day,
We saw him pass away,
We nursed him with loving care,
But could not make him stay.
Inserted by his loving children. Maggie, James, Charles, Mary.

FITZGERALD.—In loving memory of my daughter and our sister, Nell, who died December 3, 1908. Gone, but not forgotten.

FITZGERALD, E. E.—In memory of Aunty Nell, went to rest 3rd December, 1908. "We are waiting till the day dawns and the shadows flee away."

GIVINS.—In loving memory of my dear wife, Margaret Abigail, who departed this life December 3, 1907, at her residence, Kingswood, Hopetoun-street, Newtown. Inserted by her loving husband, John Givins.

GIVINS.—In loving memory of my dear mother, who departed this life December 3, 1907, at her residence, Kingswood, Hopetoun street, Newtown. Inserted by her loving daughter Eva.

HUNTER.—In sad but loving memory of our son and brother, Arthur Hunter, who died December 3, 1904, at Coast Hospital. Inserted by his loving mother, brothers, and sister.

HUNTER.—In fond remembrance of our dear brother, Arthur Hunter, who fell asleep December 3, 1906, at Coast Hospital, Little Bay, after rheumatic fever. Abide with me. Still deeply regretted by his fond sister and brother, M. and H. Clark.

KETTLETY.—In sad and loving memory of my only daughter and sister, Elizabeth Jane (Bessie) Kettlety, who died suddenly on December 3, 1908. Sadly missed. Inserted by her sorrowing mother and brother Jack.

KETTLETY.—In loving memory of my darling girl, (Bessie), who departed this life December 3, 1908. Gone, but not forgotten. Inserted by her loving boy, Walter Bentle.

KETTLETY.—In ever loving remembrance of dear Bessie, who died December 3rd, 1908.
Some day, some time, our eyes shall see
The face we keep in memory.
Inserted by Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer and family, Mosman.

KETTLETY.—In loving memory of our dear friend (Bessie), who departed this life December 3rd, 1908.
God called her home, it was His will.
But in our hearts she is living still.
Inserted by her loving friends, Cha, Em, and Jack.

KETTLETY.—In sad and loving remembrance of our dear friend, Elizabeth Theresa Kettlety, who died in the North Shore Hospital on Thursday, December 3, 1908, only daughter of Mrs. Jane Kettlety, late of Avenue-road, Mosman, aged 27 years.
God takes the good,
Too good to stay,
And leaves the bad,
Too bad to take away.
Inserted by her sincere friends, C. and J. Cook, Oma Vale, Goondiwindi, Queensland.

PRINCE.—In memory of my dear husband and our loving father, Charles Prince, who departed this life, at his residence, Albury Hotel, Oxford-street, December 3rd, 1908. Inserted by his loving wife and children.

THIBAULT.—In sad and loving memory of my dearly beloved wife and our mother, Marie Therese, who departed this life December 3rd, 1908. Inserted by her loving husband, Etienne, and her brothers, Joseph, Paul, Dominique, and Henri. Dead, but never forgotten. Home papers please copy.

THIBAULT.—In loving memory of our dear mother and grandmother, who departed this life December 3rd, 1908. Inserted by her loving son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Mary, and her grandchildren, Harry, Marie, and Elsie. At rest.

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WHO GOVERNS US?

It was announced in the House last night that the Government would move the Industrial Arbitration Court to-day to appoint a board to deal with the present deadlock in the coal industry. As we indicated yesterday, a Judge is to be associated with a representative from each side, and the parties are to be called upon to give evidence. This, however, will not meet the main difficulty. A board may be appointed, but the strike congress says it will have nothing to do with such a body. Mr. Hughes brushes it aside as a superfluity; and apparently the congress assumes that the Government cannot make any effective reference to it. The spokesman of the congress, at any rate, proceeds to challenge its validity. If appointed he declares that it will be ultra vires. The present Act, following the old Act, deals with the relations between employers and employed; and in the present case, so Mr. Hughes contends, no such relation exists. There are apparently no employees, because the miners have all ceased work. Consequently the Court will not be able to appoint a board to deal with people who are beyond its jurisdiction. The strike leader then clinches his argument with the reminder that an appeal will be made to a higher authority, if the Government persists in its action, and so the round of topsy-turvy argument is completed. If the issues were not so grave we should be disposed to dismiss the whole business as fudge, but so much is involved that it must be discussed not only seriously, but sternly. In passing, however, it may be remarked that the action of the Labour caucus in deciding to formally present certain resolutions to the strike congress has practically drawn it into line with Mr. Hughes and Mr. Bowling, who have decided that Parliament is now quite a subsidiary body. Mr. Bowling at Lithgow said: "The strike congress has in it more power than all the Parliaments, and from it must emanate the central authority, able to hold the reins, and in twenty-four hours to give a complete checkmate to trusts and combines that might dare to dominate industrial life in future." Mr. Hughes, as the voice of the strike congress, declares that the Government is practically helpless, because it cannot legally appoint the board it has decided upon; and its futility consists in the fact that the men whose grievances are to be investigated have been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Industrial Arbitration Court—and consequently of Parliament—by the fiat of the strike congress.

A law has been passed by the representatives of the people in Parliament assembled. It declares in set terms that striking is illegal—that it shall be deemed to be a criminal offence; and a committee of union leaders has defied the law, first, by countenancing a strike, then by extending its area, and now by sitting from day to day to direct its operations. To this revolutionary body, therefore, the Labour party in the State Parliament will present certain resolutions, and although the Acting Premier is pleased to say that the door is still open, and that good may come of the meeting between the political and the industrial sections of one class in the community, we must confess that the step is in direct opposition to everything that represents the liberty of the public and the safety of the Constitution. To such a pass have we come that the policy of the Government, the actions of Parliament, and the interpretation of the law itself are to be prerogatives of a body of irresponsible men, whose only title to consideration is that they are controlling a strike, and practically threaten to starve the community unless the colliery proprietors submit to their will. Surely the farce cannot be permitted any longer! We are ready to allow any latitude within reason if there is hope of settling this unfortunate struggle by a conference, but the Government has in effect announced that it has done its best and failed. The Premier apparently struggled yesterday and Wednesday with irreconcilable leaders, and then had to go to bed exhausted in a fresh fever. Can we for a moment believe that any good will come of further negotiations? But this is not the question. The assumptions and claims of the strike congress are the immediate issue, and they must be dealt with at once. If the Opposition in the State Parliament has any public protest to make against a great wrong it should be given from the floor of the House as representative of the people, not before any secret conclave of strike organisers, whose very existence is a misdemeanour; and the Government as standing for the State must assert its powers and refuse any longer to be the sport of lawbreakers and revolutionaries. Every day shows the absurdity of the position. Even the coaling of the Palermo is a revelation. It is permitted by the strike congress presumably because so much foreign coal to serve outgoing mail boats will hurt the colliery proprietors, and because the scientific strike is to be forwarded thereby. Reason is to govern the whole programme. But no reasonable attention is to be given to a suffering public, and we have no guarantee whatever that future coal shipments are to be landed to keep our industries going. We come back, therefore, to the original contention, that the strike congress must be dealt with summarily, that the Government must take each and every measure required to assert and maintain the supremacy of the law of the State, and that the public must be prepared to support Ministers and safeguard the State, whatever the cost may be.

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE STRIKE.

While it is reasonable to discuss the present strike from the point of view of the miners' grievances, no good purpose can be served by ignoring the something more behind. In the Newcastle district, at any rate, the aim of the leaders has been, not a redress of grievances, but revolution. There has been no disguise on this point. Mr. Peter Bowling has stated in set terms that he is out, not for an extra shilling per day, nor for the settlement of differences between masters and men, but for a clean sweep of the capitalistic system. He and his colleagues stand for the socialism which will allow no quarter to modern individualism in any shape or form, and as members of the Industrial Workers of the World they delight to place dynamite at the foundations of the State. The unionists of New South Wales do not realise how far these firebrands have got control, nor where their machinations may land the industries upon which an extended livelihood depends. In Queensland the efforts to place the workers in shackles, through an industrial organisation or federation used for political purposes, were thwarted by the masterfulness of Mr. Kidston, at one time the leader of the Labour party. He declined to countenance socialism on the terms set by the Trades Hall, and his break away has resulted in the formation of a strong body of Liberalism, whose reason for existence is to be found in the present Opposition itself. We can imagine precisely the same programme being carried out in the northern State as has been attempted in New South Wales, had Mr. Kidston, like Mr. M'Gowen, been afraid or complacent. The extremists seemed to be practically in control of unionism when he defied them, but the Philp Government was always just too strong to be upset in succeeding appeals to the country. There would have been anarchy if the split had not come, and the worst features of the Bowling propaganda would have found fruit in strikes and a general "hold up" of the State. It only needs to study the history of the last two years in this State to realise a little of what is involved, and to understand what Queensland has escaped by the shrewd, strong personality of her present Premier.

It may be premised that the influence of the I.W.W. in New South Wales is only powerful as it has for the moment become the steam behind the strike. The great body of the miners are not extreme socialists. Many are not socialists at all. Certainly the southern and western men have been quite prepared to continue work on the old lines, and many of the northern men would repudiate Mr. Bowling and all his works to-morrow if they had the chance. But the organisation of unionism, so cleverly engineered by the extremists, has been too strong for the more moderate section, and the paralysis of Labour members in the State Parliament is reflected in the impotence of a majority of workers throughout the coal-mining districts. The I.W.W. leaders, however, have been quite consistent. They have schemed and striven to forward their ends during the past two years, and at intervals there have been strikes entirely due to their prompting. All of these have been failures, but each of them has been used as the herald of a general strike. When the unfortunate tailoresses came out it was with the idea that the millennium lay in their grasp, and the whole of unionism was to come to their rescue. Many lost their positions, and the rest had to go back to work, sadder and wiser women. The rockchoppers in the same way followed a will-o'-the-wisp, and suffered because of the glozing promises of men who were only using them as tools. So of the wharf lumpers, and of the Broken Hill miners. The Barrier trouble was to be the herald of revolution, and the general strike was to prove a glorious revelation of the workers' power. But, after much travail, there was again a return to work, and the I.W.W. could not write up its name in letters of flame. Again, the tramway strike was engineered with the most brilliant hope of success, and again there was a fiasco. Now we have the Newcastle strike, with its want and suffering, and its certainty of a Christmas that will linger long in the memories of many households as a woeful one. It cannot succeed, but it must help to emphasise the fact that the present crisis has not come because of grievances unredressed, but because a few unscrupulous men have used the miners to further their own ends. There can be no hope of immediate settlement, therefore, until the extremists are subdued or driven out, and this must be a matter for the men themselves, and for prompt State action.

FINANCING THE NAVAL UNIT.

If we start by admitting that a loan policy represents a bad beginning for Australian naval defence, we clear the way for the apology in the shape of necessity that must follow. We are in effect committed to the provision of our unit as soon as the ships can be put together, which means that the three and a half millions they will cost must be found within the next two or three years—possibly within a shorter time. We have accepted this means of contributing to Imperial defence, and some of us have done so as an alternative to a direct contribution representing the cost of a Dreadnought, added to the Imperial navy. We did so with our eyes wide open, well knowing that the burden would have to be shouldered, and some of it shouldered straight away. With Federal finance already hard pushed to make both ends meet, and demanding further sacrifice on the part of the States, to say nothing of domestic obligations implied in the Northern Territory transfer and in the settlement of the capital, it is perfectly clear that at this moment we cannot meet the new naval expenditure out of revenue. Could we meet it out of a largely-increased taxation? It is exceedingly doubtful. Out of Customs we could not meet it at all. Labour members rushed in with quite indecent haste to demand that we should raise it out of income tax; but that means encroaching on the revenue preserves of the States, which, with their decreased Commonwealth returns and their heavy burden of development, will undoubtedly need all the sources of revenue left them. It may prove unavoidable for the Commonwealth to resort to direct taxation, but that is a power that should be invoked only in the last extremity. At this particular stage in the relation of Commonwealth and States it is doubly to be avoided, and only the loan policy remains.

We must therefore accept the Loan Bill, at any rate as a temporary expedient. But we must recognise at once that we shall never have an efficient local navy on a loan basis. Loans will pile up, and ships will deteriorate. The inevitable result here will be a strong disinclination to scrap ships before, or even when, they have been paid for out of the sinking fund provided. A fighting ship is essentially an ephemeral affair. It in no sense represents capital as, for instance, railway construction represents capital. If we want efficiency—and anything less is quite useless—we shall have to prepare to pay for it as we want it. To hand down a huge accumulation of naval loans, representing precisely nothing of value half a century hence, would be little short of criminal, and would go far to imperil future financial stability. The fact of the matter is, we can only embark with safety on naval construction, of which the present item is a mere instalment, if we embark at the same time on a vigorous policy of development of our resources, and that means in a word bringing people to the land, and land to the people. There is something quixotic about a population less than that of several cities of the old and new worlds becoming the owners of a local navy; but while we do not shrink from quixotism in a righteous cause, we owe it to ourselves to keep a cool head, and to realise that coming obligations can only be met by a deliberate and strenuous exploiting of our natural resources. Immigration and defence, in fact, must go hand in hand. For the present, however, the Government proposal is the best that can be done. We cannot immediately risk the dislocation of direct taxation, and admitting that a loan is unavoidable, Sir John Forrest seems to have given it its least obnoxious form. The details of the plan have been shrewdly worked out. Sir John Forrest, however, was a little over-anxious to minimise the extra expenditure involved, and it seems better to look the facts in the face. The annual estimated cost of the fleet unit is put at £785,000, and we may safely reckon that ten years hence it will not be less than a million. Moreover, to assume that once we have this fleet we shall build no more for the fifteen or twenty years of life assigned (rather too optimistically) to these ships is to assume an absurdity. Long before that time has passed we shall be involved in further capital expenditure; and it would be sounder policy to provide a larger sinking fund—as large as we safely can.

THE WHEAT HARVEST.

Outside the wool clip, half of which has already been marketed, the material concern of this and other States for the next two or three months will be the realisation of the wheat crop. Harvesting operations are now well forward in all the growing districts, and the new season's forage and grain is beginning to move towards the seaboard. While it is unlikely that in any of the States the actual results will represent a complete fulfilment of the more sanguine of the earlier pre-harvest estimates, there is now no question that the crop, for the States as a whole, will be as large as, if not larger than any previously grown. The final official estimate for New South Wales is unfortunately a little late in making its appearance, but the estimate for Victoria allows for rather over 28,000,000 bushels, or, roughly, 5,000,000 bushels better than last year. In South Australia estimates point to over 20,000,000 bushels, or scarcely so much as last year. In Western Australia there has been a further increase in the land under crop, and, as the growing season has been consistent, it is considered reasonable to expect a yield in the vicinity of 6,000,000 bushels. The other States will probably about produce as much as last year, and it is expected that New South Wales will improve on last year's yield to the extent of about 10,000,000 bushels. So that altogether the Commonwealth, after providing for local needs, may reasonably look forward to having an exportable surplus approaching 50,000,000 bushels. As present prices are remunerative and the tone of the market forward and healthy, our wheat this year should make a very handsome contribution to the exchequer.

Already this season wheat to the value of over seven millions sterling has been shipped from Australian ports to oversea markets. This, though a large sum, may not at first sight appear to compare very favourably with the value of the exports of some other branches of activity, notably those connected with the pastoral industry. It must be remembered, however, that more must be considered than the mere aggregate return. Some products are more profitable to produce than others. There is an impression, for instance, that the production of gold is not a particularly profitable form of enterprise; that to get every £1 worth of gold £1 has had to be sunk. This may be, and probably is, an exaggeration. The illustration, however, serves to bring home to us the fact that there are other considerations that have to be regarded beyond mere turnover. And if we carry this analysis into the wheat-growing industry we shall find that every million pounds that it brings into the country means more in the way of absolute profit than the same sum brought in in other ways. Under these circumstances it is gratifying to be assured that the harvest now being garnered throughout the Commonwealth promises to be one of the most abundant, as well as the most profitable on record. It is to be regretted that industrial troubles are likely to embarrass the realisation of this bounteous crop.

Saturday's "Herald"—On account of the large amount of advertising matter which has to be dealt with for Saturday's issue of the "Herald," advertisers and agents are requested to send in their advertisements as early as possible to-day, in order to facilitate classification.

The Tunnel Accident.—The Treasurer was asked by Mr. Hollis, in the Legislative Assembly yesterday, if he would have a special board appointed to inquire into the recent tunnel accident near Murrurundi, by which the driver and fireman of an engine were seriously scalded, the fireman eventually dying in the hospital. The Treasurer replied that the Chief Commissioner had appointed a board to inquire into the matter. Later on, if necessary, a special board would be appointed. Mr. Hollis then put the further question, "Is the Minister not aware from the proceedings of the House and numerous questions he has been asked that these occurrences have been frequent in tunnels on the South Coast and in the western district, and that there is need for an independent not a departmental inquiry in view of the frequency of these cases?" The Treasurer replied: "I am not aware that there have been occurrences such as resulted in the death of a man the other day; nor have there been. The Chief Commissioner is fully alive to his responsibility in this matter. Already great expense has been incurred in connection with the Otford tunnel to prevent accidents of this kind. The Commissioner told me the other day that he would spare no expense or trouble to see that every reasonable precaution was taken."

Balloons in War.—The most notable result of recent experiments by German military experts is the proof that the balloon is invulnerable unless attacked by cannon. A captive but moving balloon at a distance of 1250 yards was a target for 4800 rounds of ball cartridge fired by a company in five minutes, but the balloon continued to soar. Then the machine gun fired 2700 rounds in two and a half minutes, but also failed to make an impression. When examined there were 76 hits in the envelope, but very little gas had escaped. On another occasion a company of infantry fired 5000 rounds at 1200 yards, and a machine gun fired 4000 rounds, both without effect. Then a howitzer battery at 2000 yards destroyed the balloon in two rounds. Germany has therefore decided that infantry shall not fire at a balloon unless it is near enough for them to hit the aeronauts. The task of destroying the balloon is to be left to the artillery.

City Council.—The newly-elected City Council holds its first meeting on Monday next, and on the following Thursday the election of Lord Mayor will take place. Various rumours are afloat as to candidates for the office, and the names of several aldermen have been mentioned, but at present no definite statement can be obtained on this matter, beyond the fact that the present Lord Mayor is believed to be almost certain to stand, and that his chance of re-election is regarded as very favourable.

Zoo Work.—An interesting lecture on Zoo work was given last night to members of the Naturalists' Club by Mr. A. S. Le Souef. The lecture was illustrated by means of photographs of animals in the zoo, and a few others from Melbourne and Hagenbeck's famous zoo in Europe. Among the difficulties of zoo-keepers referred to was that of rearing the young. In captivity many of the mothers lost the maternal instinct. One picture of young leopards was a striking one. The little carnivorous creatures looked as happy as kittens notwithstanding the fact that they had had a variety of mothers. They were first suckled by a cat, afterwards by a fox-terrier, and later on were fed on cod-liver oil, emulsion, and maltine, on which they throve splendidly. In referring to our marsupials, Mr. Le Souef said that some Indian rajahs were offering immense sums for rare forms, and they were anxious to get specimens of our nail-tail kangaroos. One of the most interesting features of zoo work was the individuality of character of the animals. The elephants in the Sydney Zoo went through their tricks when alone for their own amusement. A great friendship existed between a lion in the Melbourne zoo and a terrier, and this lasted till the death of the lion. The chimpanzee in the Sydney institution had learned to smoke through imitating a keeper. Many pictures of Hagenbeck's zoo showed what could be done in this country in keeping animals uncaged. The lecturer spoke in warm support of the project to provide Sydney with a zoo on a large scale by the waterside, where some of the lessons taught by Hagenbeck could be put into practice.

A Congested Rifle Range.—For some time riflemen have been concerned over the congestion at the Randwick rifle range, and efforts have been made to induce the authorities to take prompt action for the provision of target accommodation at Long Bay. The new musketry regulations, and consequent increased practices by military units at Randwick, have disorganised the club shooting lately, and frequently club shoots have been cancelled, and the whole range given over to musketry. So the N.R.A. Council has decided once more to approach the Minister, and remind him of the urgent need for additional target accommodation.

The Lawyer as Citizen.—In his address before the Sydney University Law Society last evening Professor Pitt Cobbett stated that law students should remember that character was quite as essential to success as jurisprudence. Success was not won by chicanery, trickery, hair-splitting, and technicalities. In any great crisis like the present it would be men of the predominant university type who would serve the community in the future. They would make war on tyranny, whether it was the tyranny of capital or labour. They would appeal to reason and justice rather than to passion and class prejudice.

Sydney City Mission.—To-morrow an appeal is to be made throughout the principal suburbs of Sydney on behalf of the City Mission funds. Thirty-four suburban municipal councils have given consent, and district committees, under well-arranged plans, will supervise. Nearly 900 boxes will be circulated. Last year £647 was received, but owing to the City Council having withheld its consent it is not expected that the total will be reached. Usually, the City Mission has several large distributions for the poor in December, the Christmas tree at the Town Hall for 2000 poor children, and the Christmas dinners, which are upon a large scale owing to the area taken in by the city missionaries. The present industrial troubles will increase the labours, for a large section of the population are suffering.

The Deadly Pea-rifle.—In the Legislative Assembly yesterday Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Acting Premier if the Government proposed to introduce legislation dealing with the "pea-rifle trouble" this session. He handed the Minister a sheaf of newspaper cuttings, and stated that there had been 117 accidents with firearms during the last five years. Of the 117 accidents 87 had been caused by the careless use of "cheap and nasty" pea-rifles. The Acting Premier replied—"As soon as the Government has a moment to spare it will be very glad indeed to peruse the numerous list handed in."

Ambulance Corps.—In connection with the New South Wales Railways and Tramways Ambulance Corps, it was arranged that the annual challenge shield competition should be held in the bush to-day, but, in consequence of the strike, an indefinite postponement has been made. It has also been decided to postpone the annual meeting convened to be held at the Town Hall to-morrow night.

Halley's Comet Observed.—Mr. Tebbutt, of the Windsor Observatory, writes that Halley's comet was well seen with the 8-inch equatorial refractor on Wednesday evening last. It was about half a degree west of the bright red star Aldebaran, and was brighter than he expected it to be in the telescope referred to. On May 18 next, the time of its nearest approach to our planet, it will be 843 times brighter than on Wednesday evening; but, unfortunately, it will then be in conjunction with the sun.

Looking Ahead.—A far-seeing man has submitted a written application to the Minister for Home Affairs (Mr. Fuller) for the position of "Town Clerk of the Federal Capital." Needless to say the application will not require immediate attention of the Minister. He is at a loss to know what should be done with the document. It has been filed for future reference.

Jury List Revision Court.—A court for the revision of the jury list will be held at the Central Police Court, Liverpool-street, Sydney, on Friday, December 3, at 2 o'clock All persons desirous of having their names removed on the grounds of age or otherwise should attend and make application to the Court.

Railway Revenue.—The railway revenue for the week which ended on Saturday last came to £111,288, as compared with £103,382 for the corresponding week of 1908, an increase of £7906. The tramway revenue was £21,783, as against £19,787, an increase of £3016.

In the advertisement yesterday explaining the alterations in the train services, it should have been stated that the up trains between 2.30 and 6.35 p.m., Parramatta-Homebush-Sydney, on Saturdays, would be cancelled, and an hourly service would be run from Parramatta on Saturdays, calling at all stations.

COMMONS AND LORDS

THE FIGHT BEGUN.

MR. ASQUITH TO MOVE.

LORDS' BREACH OF CONSTITUTION.

LONDON, Dec. 2.

Mr. Asquith, the Prime Minister, who was received, on entering the House of Commons yesterday, with loud Ministerial cheers, gave notice that he would move to-day that,—

"The action of the Lords in refusing to pass into law the financial provision made by the Commons for the service of the year is a breach of the Constitution, and a usurpation of the rights of the Commons."

The reading of the notice of motion was received with renewed cheers.

NO PROLONGED DISCUSSION.

ONLY LEADERS TO SPEAK.

Unionist leaders have resolved not to propose an amendment to Mr. Asquith's resolution, but to give a direct vote against it.

After Mr. Asquith's speech proposing the resolution, Mr. Austen Chamberlain will express the views of the Opposition, and Mr. A. Henderson the views of the Labour party.

It is generally agreed, irrespective of party, that in a crisis of such gravity a prolonged discussion on a constitutional issue is out of place.

Although the claim of the Commons to control of the granting of supplies goes much further back the controversy first became acute in the latter half of the 17th century, into the origin of the disputes of those years space does not allow an entry. The resolution, which has remained the foundation of the privileges of the Commons was passed in 1678 by their House in the following terms:—

"That all aids and supplies, and aids to his Majesty in Parliament, are the sole gift of the Commons; and all bills for the granting of any such aids and supplies ought to begin with the Commons; and that it is the undoubted and sole right of the Commons to direct, limit, and appoint in such bills the ends, purposes, considerations, conditions, limitations, and qualifications of such grants, which ought not to be changed by the House of Lords."

In 1860, on the House of Lords rejecting a money bill, the House of Commons passed three resolutions, as follows:—

"That the right of granting aids and supplies to the Crown is in the Commons alone, as an essential part of their constitution; and the limitation of all such grants as to the matter, manner, measure, and time is only in them.

"That although the Lords have exercised the power of rejecting bills of several descriptions relating to taxation by negativing the whole, yet the exercise of that power by them has not been frequent, and is justly regarded by this House with peculiar jealousy, as affecting the right of the Commons to grant the supplies and to provide the ways and means for the service of the year.

"That to guard for the future against an undue exercise of that power by the Lords, and to secure to the Commons their rightful control over taxation and supply, this House has in its own hands the power so to impose and remit taxes, and to frame bills of supply, that the right of the Commons as to the matter, manner, measure, and time may be maintained inviolate."

NATIONALISTS ABSTAIN.

Nationalists will not participate in the division on the resolution to be moved by Mr. Asquith.

THE "TIMES'" COMMENT.

REFUSAL OF SUPPLIES INCIDENTAL.

The "Times" writes that the resolution embodies the doctrine of the Liberal party of the last four years with regard to the powers of the House of Lords, and goes much beyond any previous assertion of the privileges of the House of Commons. By implication it denies the power or right of the House of Lords to have a voice in any legislation tacked to the Budget.

It is only incidentally, the "Times" adds, that the Lords have refused supplies for the year. What they have really done is to refer to the country a quantity of legislation, involving novel principles, denying the right of appeal to Courts of Law, and establishing an expensive bureaucracy with arbitrary and inquisitorial powers.

HOW THE LORDS VOTED.

TWELVE LIBERALS FOR AMENDMENT.

FIVE UNIONISTS AGAINST.

LONDON, Dec. 1.

In the division in the House of Lords, referring the Budget to the constituencies, the majority included 280 Conservatives, 77 Unionists, 12 Liberals, and the Bishop of Lincoln (Dr. King).

The minority included 66 Liberals, two Liberal-Unionists, three Conservatives, the Archbishop of York (Dr. Lang), and the Bishops of Birmingham (Dr. Jayne), Chester, and St. Asaph (Dr. Edwards).

UNIONISTS' ASSOCIATIONS' SUPPORT.

The Marquis of Lansdowne has received telegrams from many Unionist associations throughout the country promising to support the Lords in the action they have taken.

LORD ROSEBERY'S FEARS.

THE BUDGET'S POPULARITY.

The Earl of Rosebery, in a letter replying to Lord Curzon's criticism of his speech on the Budget in the House of Lords, declares that he still fears, as he did at Glasgow, that action such as the Lords have now taken may injuriously affect a valuable institution, and enhance what popularity the Budget may possess.

A LIBERAL MANIFESTO.

THE PLAIN ISSUES.

GOVERNMENT BY THE PEOPLE OR THE LORDS?

The National Liberal Federation, in a manifesto to the electors on the constitutional crisis, says:—

"The issues now before the country are the gravest of any in the lifetime of the oldest voter. The victory of the Tory party would involve the degradation of the Commons, the aggrandisement of the Lords, and the return of protection, with its inevitable taxes on food.

"The electors have to decide whether they wish to govern themselves or be governed secondhand by a few hundred hereditary peers, who have thrown the Constitution into the melting-pot in order to shift the burden from wealth, land, and liquor, to food and other necessaries."

PARLIAMENT TO BE PROROGUED.

The prorogation of Parliament will take place to-morrow.

GETTING IN REVENUE.

RECEPTION, NOT COLLECTION.

The Government is arranging to receive rather than continue to collect the new taxes and the income tax, and the tea duty until the new Parliament regularises the situation.

EAST END DEMOCRACY.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S HOPES.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, in a message to a tariff demonstration at Shoreditch, said that he was counting on the democracy of the East End to help in the great struggle before the country.

DEVELOPMENT BILL.

THE LORDS GIVE WAY.

BUT ENTER PROTEST.

LONDON, Dec

CONCILIATION FAILS.

PREMIER'S EFFORTS FRUITLESS.

OPPOSITION DECIDES ON SCHEME

CAUCUS TO BE APPROACHED TO-DAY.

GOVERNMENT WILL WAIT A FEW HOURS.

MR. BOWLING AND KING EDWARD.

COAL LUMPERS WILL HANDLE JAPANESE COAL.

DIFFERENCES IN STRIKE CONGRESS.

There are a few hours of further mediation in the coal strike.

Mr. Learmonth had a long interview with the Premier yesterday morning. The Premier had been unable to advance his proposals with Mr. Hughes, and nothing was effected with Mr. Learmonth.

Mediation was to have ended there. The Acting-Premier said that the Government would to-day apply to the Industrial Court to appoint a compulsory industrial board.

The Labour party, however, met last night, and decided to lay certain proposals before the Strike Congress to-day. The Acting-Premier said that he hoped good might result. In a crisis like this a few hours' extension of the time for mediation was no matter.

Mr. Hughes said last night that a board could not constitutionally be appointed. If it were, an appeal would certainly be made to a higher Court.

The P. and O. steamer Palermo arrived yesterday from Japan with 5000 tons of bunker coal for the two next mail steamers and herself.

The Strike Congress considered whether the coal-lumpers would be allowed to handle the coal. The meeting is believed to have been a stormy one.

The secretary of the Coal-lumpers' Union informed the agents last night that the coal-lumpers would handle the cargo.

Mr. Bowling has returned from Lithgow. He states that the western miners' secretary informed him that King Edward would not have had such a reception.

A message was brought by a Chilian to the Trades Hall from 16,000 Chilian miners yesterday. It said they would refuse to cut coal for Australia during the strike.

DEADLOCK.

PREMIER'S MEDIATION FAILS.

ONE CHANCE TO-DAY.

OPPOSITION TO ADVISE CONGRESS.

Up to a late hour yesterday it was thought that the door had been finally and irrevocably shut on mediation. The deadlock which had been arrived at—and which in every probability will continue to exist—was as follows:—

Mr. F. Livingstone Learmonth, the chairman of the Northern Colliery Proprietors' Association, had a long interview with the Premier at the Albany, Macquarie-street. As in the interview with Mr. Hughes the day before, not one step forward was made.

Mr. Wade afterwards called a meeting of the Cabinet. At night Mr. Harkness, the Premier's secretary, supplied the following official statement:—

Mr. Wade had an interview with Mr. Learmonth yesterday, but, inasmuch as he had not been able to make any headway in his proposals with Mr. Hughes on Wednesday which could be taken as a basis for discussion with Mr. Learmonth, naturally not much could be done with that gentleman towards advancing a settlement.

Mr. Wade saw a number of people during the course of the day, with the result that he had to go to his bed again owing to a heightened temperature.

The Acting Premier (Mr. Lee), when asked what the next move would be, said that application would be made to the Industrial Court to-day for the appointment of the compulsory board, which would comprise a Judge and two representatives.

That was the position until 8 o'clock last night, when the Labour members of the State Parliament came from the caucus which they had been holding, with a certain resolution, the effect of which will probably be the main interest to-day.

LABOUR CAUCUS MOVES.

The Parliamentary Labour party held its caucus during the dinner adjournment.

Strike matters alone were discussed. Important motions bearing on the situation were agreed to. At the conclusion of the meeting the officers of the party made a statement for publication.

Mr. Holman, deputy leader, speaking in the presence of Mr. Nielsen (secretary), Mr. Carmichael (treasurer), and Mr. Flowers, M.L.C., a member of the party, said the caucus considered, in the first place, whether the moment was opportune for placing before the strike congress suggestions which had been in contemplation for some days, but which had been held back in view of other developments which promised hopefully. It was unanimously resolved by all members present to put suggestions before the strike congress.

What these suggestions are Mr. Holman could not say, as the party had decided that the congress should receive them first to-day. It had been felt very strongly that it would be premature to publish details at this stage, but the party hoped to see them published from the congress.

Members were hopeful that a new phase of negotiations would probably be initiated by the action which they had taken, and which was one that created a new position. The officers thought it would be idle to express any opinion as to the success of the innovation, or even to say whether there were any grounds for thinking that it would succeed.

"We are now acting after considerable delay and after the very fullest consideration," Mr. Holman continued. "But it is not to be supposed that we should act unless we had reason for hoping that our action may be effectual. The proposals put forward now are different from any up to the present."

"DOOR NOT YET CLOSED."

The Acting Premier, when told of the action taken by the Labour party, expressed the hope that it would be productive of good. He said the door was not yet closed so far as the Government was concerned. The final day was supposed to have passed, but in a crisis like this hours should not stand in the way of possible peace.

TO-DAY'S POSITION.

The position is therefore simply as follows:—

The Government has made its last proposal of mediation; but the Opposition has some unknown suggestions to put before the Strike Congress. The Government will apparently wait a few hours to see whether anything may come of those suggestions. Mr. Hughes also says that he has hopes of something occurring during to-day, which may lead to a settlement of the trouble. Whether he refers to the suggestions to be made by the Opposition or to some other intervention is not clear. What is clear is that mediation is not at an end this morning.

But to mediate is to go between two parties and bring them together. And where the two parties appear to stand as far and as firmly apart as the northern men and the northern proprietors there can be no very great hope of mediation. The proprietors, at any rate, have held from the first day of the strike exactly the same position as they hold to-day, and there is not the least chance of their departing from it. Those who realise this cannot help discounting the results of any attempt at mediation whatsoever.

If mediation fails to-day, the Government will appoint an industrial board. Mr. Hughes says he does not believe it can be constitutionally appointed where the men have definitely left the service of the employer, because the relation of the employer and employee has ceased to exist. Mr. Bowling, as usual, says the northern miners would never accept a board on any condition at all. Other members of the congress say equally strongly that the congress would accept a board. Some said they could not help accepting it if it were understood that the men would not have to go back until the few main questions were settled.

The strike congress does not appear in any way unanimous on the point. The differences there are obviously growing acute. Mr. Bowling, who has returned from Lithgow, where he says that everywhere he went the band played "See, the Conquering Hero Comes," said yesterday: "Mr. Hughes is our mouthpiece just now, but circumstances may arise in which he will not be our mouthpiece." It appears a mild inference to make that men so diametrically opposed in beliefs and methods as Mr. Bowling and Mr. Hughes cannot sit in the same body for long without finding themselves in bitter opposition.

If the strikers oppose the industrial board, it will be seen for the first time whether the Industrial Act can be enforced in a big strike.

Meanwhile the strike will go on, and the public will day by day be starved of coal. And perhaps the most important thing of all that happened yesterday was that the strike congress gave further proof if its adherence to the scientific strike by allowing the coal-lumpers to feed the mail steamers of the P. and O. Company with Japanese coal. It is said the strike is against the vend. The public is not yet to be unnecessarily inconvenienced. But the public is starving all the while.

"EXTREMELY CRITICAL."

MR. HUGHES ON THE SITUATION.

WHAT WILL THE DAY BRING FORTH?

WAGES BOARD OUT OF THE QUESTION.

"My opinion of the situation now is that it has reached an extremely critical stage. Everything depends upon the next 24 hours. If counsels of moderation and calm reasoning prevail there will be a settlement of the trouble within a short period.

"If, on the other hand, there is any hesitancy, and through any cause the parties don't come together, or anything precipitates any trouble other than that which now confronts us, the position, instead of being full of hope, will be infinitely worse than it is to-day."

The foregoing was the opinion given by Mr. Hughes last night, as he summed up the proceedings of an arduous day. He proceeded as follows:—

"The Congress is now pursuing a settled policy. Sentiment and feeling are laid aside. Dry reasoning is now brought to bear upon the situation, and there is an overwhelming majority in the Congress supporting this attitude.

"A wages board we cannot accept; it is out of the question. The Congress doesn't believe that the miners will accept a board. However, the difficulty is not in the tribunal; the difficulty is to bring the parties together."

Mr. Hughes' contention, it is understood, is that the board cannot be legally appointed on the ground that such a body under the Act deals entirely with the relations between employers and employees; and that, in this instance, that relationship does not exist. From this it may be deduced that if the board is formed there will probably be an appeal to a higher Court.

COAL FROM JAPAN.

UNIONISTS WILL DISCHARGE.

MAIL STEAMERS NOT TO BE STUCK UP.

WORK TO COMMENCE THIS MORNING.

The P. and O. Company's big cargo steamer Palermo, with the first consignment of 5000 tons of Japanese coal on board, arrived yesterday, and proceeded to an anchorage in Neutral Bay.

Much speculation was indulged in throughout the day as to the attitude that would be adopted by the Coal-lumpers' Union and the Strike Congress. On the preceding day Mr. E. Trelawny, the superintendent in Australia for the P. and O. Company, addressed a communication to the secretary of the Coal-lumpers' Union, giving the unionists the first opportunity of discharging the Palermo's cargo, and pointing out that it was imperative, under any conditions, that the mail service should be maintained.

As no reply to this letter had been received by midday Mr. Trelawny addressed a second communication to the secretary of the Coal-lumpers' Union, asking for an early reply. Lighters were taken alongside the Palermo, and the work of discharging the ordinary Eastern cargo was proceeded with. The mail steamer Marmora had arrived from London early in the morning, and was at anchor in Neutral Bay awaiting supplies of coal from the Palermo for her homeward voyage.

Both Mr. Trelawny and the assistant superintendent of the company remained at their offices until 5 o'clock, but up to that time no reply had been received to the urgent communications of the P. and O. Company.

Last evening, however, the secretary of the Coal-lumpers' Union telephoned to Mr. Trelawny, intimating that the union has decided to handle the coal brought by the Palermo in the usual way, and that operations would be commenced by union men at 6 o'clock this morning. It is anticipated that the verbal communication will be followed this morning by an official letter from the union.

Mr. Trelawny, upon being seen at the Warrigal Club last night, remarked:—"I am extremely pleased that the Coal-lumpers' Union has taken that view of the position. It would have been deplorable if they had thrown so much money away by refusing to carry on the work. It seems to me that this will be the means of ending the difficulty."

There appear to be good grounds for believing that neither the strike congress nor the Coal-lumpers' Union is desirous of interfering with the regularity of the mail services. Whether the same attitude will be adopted in regard to other steamers arriving here with coal for ordinary merchant vessels or for local consumption yet remains to be seen.

Between 2000 and 2500 tons of the Palermo's coal will be discharged into the bunkers of the Marmora, and an equal quantity will be retained for the bunkers of the incoming P. and O. liner due here in a fortnight. The balance of 1000 tons will remain with the Palermo to take her to London with her wool and general cargo. The R.M.S. Mongolia now berthed at the Circular Quay, and timed to sail for London to-morrow, has been fully bunkered for some days for the voyage as far as Colombo, where the supplies will be replenished.

LABOUR PARTY DELIGHTED.

When the news of the decision of the congress to work the Palermo with union labour was communicated to the officers of the Parliamentary Labour party last night, their faces lit up with satisfaction.

"By Jove!" said Mr. Holman, "that's splendid. Goodness knows what might have happened. That clears the way considerably, and I hope to hear of our resolutions being well received in the congress.

Mr. Flowers, M.L.C.: "Yes, it will gain a lump of sympathy for them.

Mr. Nielsen: "If they had to put the lascars on to do this work the wharf-labourers would not touch a pound of coal, and the fat would be in the fire."

Mr. Carmichael: "I'm delighted, too. It might save the situation."

ACTING PREMIER PLEASED.

Mr. Lee, the Acting Premier, remarked:—"Well, I am pleased. I have always heard that the P. and O. Company got on well with the waterside workers, and this will keep up the good feeling that exists. I think the Strike Congress has come to a wise decision."

A PHOTOGRAPHIC ASSAULT.

The Palermo lay yesterday moored in midchannel, off Kirribilli Point. Up and down her gangway climbed strings of lascars, carrying passengers' luggage and white bundles for the wash. The Sydney was not as yet. An attempt was made to board her, it was vain. "You can't go on board," said an official. "If you want to see the captain you'd better call at the office. Don't allow anyone on deck," he called up, to an officer. The gangway was hauled high, just to make sure.

A small motor launch rattled over towards the Palermo. One of the figures in it carried a big, black box, slung on in front. While still a little distance from the vessel he rose, and, balancing himself unsteadily (the sea was rough), squatted her prow, a cylinder in the launch's bow. Alongside, he also was refused permission to go on board. But he was indefatigable. He wanted a picture of a non-unionist coal-lumper—a lascar, or a lot of lascars. Against the vessel floated a longboat with a lascar in it, pulling her from the vessel's side. The launch backed out, swung round in a half-circle, and the photographer, perched in the bows, tried for a shot. He missed. Round went the launch again, and at the third or fourth attempt the man was snapped, grinning like a crack in a piece of coal. The launch party cheered. An interested group of officers on the deck of the Palermo dissolved. The launch made off again, for Miller's Point.

THE CAMPAIGN.

THE STRIKE CONGRESS.

CHILIAN MINERS' HELP.

MR. LEE'S BOARD.

Besides its decision in regard to the Japanese coal, it is stated on good authority that the feeling of the delegates is in favour of accepting Mr. Lee's board on the understanding that the miners are not be asked to cut coal until the four main grievances have been dealt with. Of course "there's many a slip," but this appears to be the feeling of at any rate a large number of the delegates now.

The congress was not to have met until to-day. But, as forecasted in the "Herald," the executive committee called it together in view of the important circumstances which have arisen. It sat for an hour or so in the morning, and again in the afternoon.

Mr. Joseph Odare, who represents in Australia the Chilian labour paper "El Chiliano," visited the Trades Hall in the morning. He brought a friendly message from the Chilian coal, saltpetre, and copper miners (16,000 of them) to the strikers, and told the congress that the Chilians would refuse to cut coal intended to be exported to Australia while the strike was on. They may also assist the strikers financially. The Chilian Miners' Association wishes to enter into some kind of a bond with the Coal and Shale Workers' Federation, whose executive will consider the matter.

THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

PREMIER'S PROPOSALS.

TO BE CONSIDERED THIS MORNING.

"Certain negotiations took place during the day," said Mr. Hughes, "but with whom I'm not at liberty to say. The executive and finance committees met, and also the congress, and the question of the Palermo's coal was determined.

"I have to see Mr. Wade first thing in the morning, and it is to be hoped that some definite steps will be taken—some definite steps leading to a meeting between the parties to-morrow. It won't be our fault if that doesn't come off. In regard to the Palermo, the congress decided upon a certain course of action."

Mr. Hughes was asked what that course was. He replied that he could not make it known. It was learned from another source, however, that the Lumpers' Union men are to start work at the steamer at 6 o'clock this morning.

"With regard to Mr. Wade's proposal," continued Mr. Hughes, "we haven't received any official notification of it, and I hope that the formal intimation will reach us to-morrow, when the congress will at once proceed to consider it.

"In addition we have had submitted two contingent proposals, which are receiving attention."

THE EMPLOYERS' CASE.

MR. HUGHES SARCASTIC.

"NO TALKING TO THE GALLERY."

"They come late in the day," said Mr. Hughes in referring to the statement of the case by the proprietors.

"Only twice in the whole thing is there any concrete reference to the troubles at hand. It consists as far as I can make out from a glance at it of references to the Broken Hill lockout and an attempt to justify their position by holding up the actions of the miners as unreasonable. Apparently the proprietors are a band of angels when they are compared with the men. Their virtues are simply so transcendent that I wonder sometimes if they can bring themselves to engage in selling such a black and smutty substance as coal. Perhaps, though, they look forward to black haloes and black wings in the future as the great realisation. They talk of their business being so poverty-stricken that they have a struggle apparently to make ends meet. Artistically as it is all done, it cannot hide the fact that the reason they haven't met the miners in conference is that they have either no case, or, as they themselves judge it, a very poor one. If Mr. Cant means that the proprietors are willing to meet the men in conference there will be no talking to the gallery. The dispute is too big for personalities or recriminations. Let the conference be for the consideration of the six grievances put forward by the men. With a bona-fide intention to get to business and settle these, the whole trouble will soon be over.

"I should like to deal with the statement by the proprietors at greater length. I hope to do so later. But now I'm chiefly concerned in endeavouring to bring about a conference between the parties."

FEDERATION OFFICIAL'S OPINION.

"A WEAK, INDEFINITE STATEMENT."

DRAFTING AN OFFICIAL REPLY.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The principal topic among the miners today was the official statement published by the proprietors. It was characterised as "a weak and indefinite statement" by the federation officials, who say that they will have no difficulty in showing "the glaring omissions and inaccuracies it contains." The statement that the men were continually throwing individual mines idle is particularly resented by the officials, as they contend that such action was brought about by the mine managers themselves, who, backed up by the Proprietors' Defence Association, refused to remedy existing grievances, and on the slightest provocation shut down the mines until the men were compelled to return to work without any redress. When seen at the Trades Hall, the vice-president of the Federation, Mr. McWilliams, said there would be no difficulty in dealing with the statement, and he was busy preparing an official reply, which would probably be handed to the press to-morrow.

CURRENTS IN CONGRESS.

A DIVISION GROWING.

MR. BOWLING'S MINORITY.

BIG BATTLE TO-DAY.

Until about a week ago the delegates in the Strike Congress worked fairly solidly together. Mr. Bowling, in spite of rumours to the contrary, appeared, for the time, at least, to be willing to sit behind the spokesman, Mr. Hughes. He referred inquirers to Mr. Hughes. He said, "What Mr. Hughes has told you will be all right." But during the last week or ten days the main current seems to be splitting up.

First, there was Mr. Bowling's northern visit, which caused a considerable stir among the delegates, and a resolution that, though Mr. Bowling's explanation was accepted, negotiations must in future be carried on through the executive. Mr. Hughes again carefully refused to identify himself with certain statements of Mr. Bowling's as to starving men and food. And last night Mr. Bowling, in a fit of prophecy, said outright, that, though Mr. Hughes was the mouthpiece now, he might not be always.

Now comes the Japanese coal question and Mr. Lee's board. There will be a big struggle in the congress to-day. The coal-lumpers have agreed to handle this coal, but they don't like the idea. Mr. Bowling won't say anything as to this attitude, but it is not hard to guess. As a matter of fact, quite a different decision might have been come to if the wages board question had not been in the air; if it had not been felt that friction should be avoided, since there was a chance of a settlement of the strike. It was urged, no doubt, that this case was a special one, which need not affect the future action of the congress; and also that the coal is intended for the mail service, not for use in Sydney. It does not by any means follow that the congress will allow all imported coal to be handled. It certainly won't.

Mr. Bowling would not have the miners go back until every grievance has been settled. In this he is in an undoubted minority. He stands for battle. On the side of what from the point of view of the Congress, may be called the peace with honour party, stand most of the representatives of the waterside workers, most of the amalgamation's executive, and a fair proportion of the west and south.

There will be a big struggle to-day in Congress, and the odds are peace will come out of it. But there's a lot to be worked out yet.

MR. BOWLING TALKS.

MR. HUGHES THE MOUTHPIECE—NOW.

WON'T HAVE MR. LEE'S BOARD.

"There's nothing to be said," said Mr. Bowling. "There's nothing to answer."

He had been asked if he had any reply to make to the northern employers' statement. He refused to admit that the price for hewing small coal was allowed for, as the employers asserted, in the wage paid for round coal.

"You ask Mr. Hughes," he said, "if you want anything more about the northern employers' reply. He's our mouthpiece—just now. But circumstance might arise under which he could not be our mouthpiece."

MR. LEE'S BOARD.

"I'll tell you this," said Mr. Bowling, "there's nobody in Newcastle would agree to Mr. Lee's wages board. The four general grievances of the miners," he added, "were distinguished from the rest only in that they were general grievances. They were not the main ones. All the grievances were important. And the men would not agree to go back to work until every one in the list had been settled."

"It's true," he said, "that a number of the grievances are local, and that they might be settled by the lodges. But again they might not, and then they would have to be attended to by an open conference. Every one of the grievances could be settled in a couple of days."

THE WESTERN VISIT.

KING EDWARD AND MR. BOWLING.

Mr. Bowling referred last evening to his western visit.

"I had a better reception even than I deserved," he said. "The hall was crowded, and the miners supported every action of the strike congress. The secretary of the Lithgow Miners' Association told me that if King Edward had been there, he could not have had a better reception. There was the band playing 'See the Conquering Hero Comes,' when I was there. The secretary said that even if King Edward had stood against me for president, after the miners had heard my speeches, he wouldn't have had a chance. That was what the secretary said; they aren't my words."

"Why didn't I go down south? Because I wasn't invited. I had a telegram asking me to come, and signed 'Union,' but that wasn't good enough. I wanted the signature. Let them invite me, and I'll come; make no mistake of that."

JUDGES AND THE WORKERS

THEIR FAIRNESS IMPUGNED.

MR. BURNS' SWEEPNG STATEMENT.

HELENSBURGH, Thursday.

Mr. A. Burns, treasurer of the Amalgamated Miners' Association, addressed a meeting of 400 men at Helensburgh this afternoon.

He explained the miners' mines scheme, and affirmed that it was one of the best things possible in the circumstances. The small colliery owners had been squeezed by the vend to such an extent that they were compelled to revolt, and the small owners were now retaliating by blacklegging on the big owners. The time was not distant when more mines would be working, and the big men would be glad to come in. Just as the vend had driven the small owners to extremities the miners had been driven by the proprietors to disregard the constitution and assert their manhood. (Cheers.) Despite what Mr. E. A. Beeby said to the contrary, the coal and shale workers were constitutionally amalgamated. Referring to the action of the Government, he asserted that the miners could not get their rights through any Court. In the Arbitration Court there were always two against them, and the man who thought the Judges fair to the workers was a fool. Arbitration between capital and labour was like a hungry lion going to arbitration with its prey. The strike had hit the owners hard, and they were squeaking. But before the miners returned to work their grievances would have to be redressed. (Applause.)

Mr. T. R. Morgan, general secretary, also addressed the meeting.

A vote of thanks and confidence in the strike conference was carried.

THE MINIMUM.

ONLY COMPLETE VICTORY.

MR. BRENNAN'S DEMAND.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

Mr. W. Brennan, secretary Colliery employees' Federation, before leaving Broken Hill last night, briefly addressed a gathering assembled to hear Tom Mann. Referring to the strike, he said he believed the Government would put the Industrial Disputes Act into operation. If it did so it would kindle a fire that would not be easily extinguished. The men would be satisfied with nothing but complete victory. On the motion of Tom Mann, cheers were given for "complete victory."

"JUSTICE FIRST—THEN LAW."

DUNGOG, Thursday.

Messrs. Toomey, of Newcastle, and Peters, members of the Northern Miners' Federation executive, addressed a large number of railway workers and others at Dungog last night on behalf of the coalminers on strike. Both dealt with grievances of the miners, and received a patient hearing, being frequently applauded. Mr. Peters stated that the miners were out, and intended to stop out until they received redress for grievances. They wanted justice first and law afterwards.

THE MINERS' MINES.

BOTH COLLIERIES WORKING

YESTERDAY'S OUTPUT, 1000 TONS.

AN UNDER-MANAGER RESIGNS.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The Ebbw Main mine at Greta continued to work yesterday, and the output for the day totalled about 450 tons. This morning the first shift was lost owing to the pump breaking down, but the men started at 2 o'clock on the second shift, and if sufficient men are available the third shift will go in at 11 o'clock to-night. Owing to the mishap today's output is not expected to exceed 500 tons.

It is stated that the Young Wallsend colliery started work this morning. Sufficient names were enrolled to start the second shift this afternoon, and it is fully expected that the third shift will also be worked to-night. As a result of to-day's operations it is expected that 500 tons of coal will be won. The total output from the two mines, therefore, will be approximately 1000 tons.

The quantity of coal available to the company after allowing the railway its half has nearly all been placed. The steamer Murray left for Sydney this morning with 1250 tons, and the steamer Navarino, with a carrying capacity of over 3000 tons, starts loading operations the first thing in the morning. It is now stated that the company is charging 30s for best screened coal and 25s for small coal, and not 35s and 30s.

An under-manager at Young Wallsend, Mr. R. Coates, handed in his resignation this morning, but his action has in no way affected the working of the mine.

GENERAL PRICE VARIES.

RAILWAY FIGURE CONSIDERED LOW.

Mr. H. M. Moore, Sydney manager of the Ebbw Main and Young Wallsend mines, said yesterday that the coal which was hewn in these mines was sold to the public at various rates. He could not fix a price, as it varied with different sales.

Mr. Moore added that the price which the railways were giving for the coal was a low one.

COAL HAULAGE.

AGENTS ASKED TO SELL.

RAILWAYS WANT ALL COAL AVAILABLE.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

As already stated, shipping agents and others have complained about the action of the Chief Commissioner in refusing to haul coal which had been sold by them before the embargo was placed on its carriage by the railways. In some cases it has been found impossible to fall in with the views of the Commissioner, and allow him to take half at what he considers a reasonable price, and consequently coal is still standing at the colliery sidings. The shortage of railway supplies, however, must be very pronounced, as it is understood that the Commissioner has now approached owners who have supplies of coal available, and suggested that the whole consignments should be sold to the Railway Department at a price to be arranged. Negotiations have in several instances, therefore, been opened up for the purchase of all the coal as it lies in the trucks ready for shipment, and the probability is that before many days the whole of the coal which otherwise would have gone to Sydney will be secured by the department, and will go to replenish the depleted coaling depots of the railways. The non-union coal from South Greta, which was to have been loaded into the steamer Itonus, is still on the dyke, and there is every likelihood that this supply also will be taken over.

GOVERNMENT AND COAL SUPPLY.

AN EVASIVE REPLY.

Last night, in the Legislative Council, Mr. Winchcombe, taking advantage of the motion for adjournment, referred to the Government statement that they were going to take for the public service one-half of the coal raised at Newcastle. He said that, owing to the shortness of coal, the Railway Commissioners had refused to bring down more than a certain quantity of wool from the country. He did not see why the Government should not take possession of all the coal necessary for the railways and other departments of the public service. He would like to know whether the Government would stick to the statement it made on Tuesday night.

The Vice-President of the Executive Council (Mr. John Hughes) said that the member might rely upon the Government sticking to what it said; but he must not believe everything he saw in the newspapers, which was very often produced by reporters anxious to obtain news.

[The statement of the Acting Premier (Mr. Lee) which forms the basis of Mr. John Hughes's remarks was supplied typewritten to the press and published unaltered.—Ed. H.]

EFFECTS OF THE STRIKE.

TRAINS AND TRAMS.

QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT.

A series of questions having relation to the railway and tramway services occupied the attention of the Legislative Assembly yesterday afternoon.

WORKMEN'S TICKETS.

Mr. CARMICHAEL asked: It is currently reported that the Chief Commissioner proposes to cancel all workmen's weekly tickets, and apprentices' weekly tickets on the suburban trains. If the report is true, will the Minister have immediate inquiries made so that the matter may be reconsidered?

The TREASURER: I have had no information. But I will consult with the Chief Commissioner in regard to this matter. I am sure he will do everything he can, while necessarily curtailing the traffic, to give as little inconvenience and hardship as possible to all parties concerned.

OVERCROWDED TRAMS.

Mr. FITZPATRICK: In view of the decision to curtail the running of the trams, and in view of the fact that a fatal accident occurred within the last few days, will the Minister consider the advisability of instructing the police at the various tramway stopping places to prevent the trams being overcrowded to the extent of allowing passengers to stand on the footboards?

The TREASURER: I will consult the Chief Commissioner in regard to the matter. But I don't anticipate that it will be necessary to do anything more than instruct the conductors. At a time like this we must expect these difficulties to occur. The Chief Commissioner is fully alive to the necessity of doing all he can to prevent accidents.

BY WHOSE AUTHORITY.

Mr. HOLMAN: Will the Minister say under whose directions the present curtailment of the railway and tramway services was brought about? Was it done entirely upon the responsibility of the Chief Commissioner, or with the authority of the Government?

The TREASURER: The Chief Commissioner did not take that step till he had consulted me as Minister for Railways. It was absolutely necessary to curtail the services owing to the danger of running short of coal.

NO SLEEPING BERTHS.

Mr. M'LAURIN: Is the Minister aware that sleeping berth tickets are not being issued on the Southern railway to Albury, but that they are being issued through to Melbourne? Will he see if an exception cannot be made in the case of sick people?

The TREASURER: The Chief Commissioner has been compelled by necessity, in order to save coal, to abandon sleeping carriages in certain cases. The people who generally use sleeping carriages must put up with the inconvenience of ordinary carriages till the strike is over.

NEWSPAPER TRAINS.

Mr. HOLMAN: Will the Minister consider the advisability of cutting out the morning trains which are devoted to the carriage of newspapers?

The TREASURER: I am sure the Chief Commissioner has given the matter consideration already, and will do what is wise in the circumstances. (Laughter.) The trains are not for the use of the newspapers only, but for the public generally.

"STRIKE MAY LAST A LONG TIME."

Mr. HOLLIS: Is it not a fact that at the beginning of the strike the Chief Commissioner said he had sufficient coal to last till Christmas? If that statement was correct, how comes it that the public is being inconvenienced a month before Christmas?

The TREASURER: I have no knowledge of the Chief Commissioner having made a statement of that kind. But this strike may possibly last a considerable time, and, after consulting me, the Chief Commissioner acted wisely in curtailing the services so as to keep a number of trains, at all events, running for a long time to come.

HOMEBUSH SUPPLIES.

STOPPAGE OF MEAT WORKS.

RAISING FREEZING RATES.

Mr. Alban Gee, manager Sydney Meat Preserving Company, Limited, stated at the Homebush fat stock saleyards yesterday that his company could not continue after yesterday to purchase stock in the Homebush market to purchase stock at a reasonable price ket till coal supplies at a reasonable price were obtainable. Nearly all the employees at the Auburn meat works will be suspended as from Wednesday or Thursday next. Thus it is exceedingly unlikely that those employees will be further employed this side of the Christmas and New Year holidays, for it is expected that, even after the coalminers resume work, two or three weeks will elapse before a sufficiency of coal will be obtainable at reasonable rates.

The effect of that action of the S.M.P. Company is more or less to disturb the Homebush market, for the company operates in graziers' interests, and is in times of plenty the largest buyer of sheep in the market. Yesterday upwards of 66,906 sheep (including lambs) were penned, which was a large supply on top of 47,972 forward on Monday, totalling 114,878 for the current week. The market, however, was a brisk one, for it was felt that the shortage of coal on the railways would have the effect of lessening the number of stock trains coming to market next week, and materially reducing them the following week.

Thus the coal strike seems to be the culminating point in a series of moves that have disturbed the market during the past few months. There was the regulation issued a few months ago by the Railway Department restricting the number of sheep vans for each day and for the week. This was followed by the department supplying a much larger number than was previously allowed. The original regulation, however, set up a rush for trucks, with the result that supplies became very heavy; so heavy, in fact, that there were insufficient slaughtermen to kill and dress the sheep. Values for all but prime sheep fell to very low levels. The coalminers' strike added to the trouble, and stockowners were advised of the desirableness of lightening supplies.

This was eventually done. Supplies of sheep were within requirements, values became once more remunerative to owners, and a brisk business was being done both locally and for export.

The situation now is that supplies may be light through inability of the department to haul sheep to market. The S.M.P. Company has ceased to operate. Some exporters are quite able to continue their operations, while some freezing companies have raised the rates for frozen mutton.

THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY.

COAL CONTRACT LOST.

BUSINESS GOES TO JAPAN.

The new steamer Mataram, which recently arrived here from her builders' yards, will definitely sail for Papua, Thursday Island, Port Darwin, Java, and Singapore on the 31st inst, and the whole of the insulated space will be filled with frozen cargo.

Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co. had a contract for 5000 tons of coal to be delivered at Sourabaya (Java), and it was intended to carry 1500 or 2000 tons by this vessel. Owing, however, to the strike, the whole contract is being filled from Japan, and there is a great scarcity of other cargo, flour millers only grinding sufficient for local consumption, and other exporters of produce remaining quiescent pending strike developments.

The Mataram has sufficient Scotch coal to carry her to Singapore, and will be coaled there for the return trip. A number of passengers and excursionists proceed by this vessel.

Portion of the coal brought by the Mataram from Scotland has been supplied to the White Star passenger liner Runic.

THE UGANDA DELAYED.

The steamer Uganda, which arrived here on Tuesday in ballast from Rio Janeiro, via Durban, has been delayed on account of the strike. She was to have proceeded on to Newcastle yesterday morning, and a pilot boarded the vessel to take her outside the Heads. As a matter of fact, the Uganda steamed down the harbour, and was just about to pass out of the Heads, when a signal was made to her to return.

It appears that after sailing her agents, Messrs. Jack and Christie, received a cable message from the owners instructing the Uganda to remain in port at Sydney, pending further instructions, and she anchored in Watson's Bay. The vessel has still about 250 tons of Natal coal in her bunkers.

CLAN SINCLAIR COALS IN NEW ZEALAND.

The M'Arthur Shipping and Agency Company, Ltd., was yesterday informed that the steamer Clan Sinclair, which is due here on Sunday to load for Dunkirk, Antwerp, and London, has shipped sufficient coal at Wellington, N.Z., and Brisbane, to take her through to Colombo.

SUMMER CRUISE ABANDONED.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Union Steamship Company have had to abandon the proposed summer cruise of the R.M.S. Makura to the West Coast Sounds of New Zealand, owing to the Newcastle coal strike. To prevent disappointment to intending excursionists, the company is reserving special accommodation on the steamer Waikare, which leaves Dunedin on the 23rd inst on a six days' trip.

WOOL SALES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Melbourne woolbrokers and woolbuyers' associations to-night decided that the wool sales would be continued in Melbourne and Geelong next week, under the same special strike conditions regarding payment as have been in force during the present week.

FIREWOOD.

LOWER PRICES.

The gradual rise in the values of wood recently has caused mill proprietors to rush their stocks of wood to market. To-day there were as many as 65 truckloads sold at auction. The supply proved beyond the requirements of buyers, with the result that an all-round decrease took place. Boxwood fell about 2s per ton, ironbark and stringy 6d to 1s, and bakers' wood 2s. Top prices received were:—Best boxwood, 15s; bakers' wood, 15s; and ironbark and stringy bark, 12s 6d per ton.

LIMITED COAL PRODUCTION.

LITHGOW, Thursday.

The only work done in coal-getting this week is at the ironworks tunnel, where a quantity of small coal was got out for use at the blast furnace and other portions of the works; and at a small pit leased by Mr. R. Burke, where coal is being got for household purposes, and also for the Cooerwull tweed mills.

THE VICTORIAN TRAIN SERVICE.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Railway Commissioners to-day announced a further batch of cancellations of trains on country lines. Several daily services have been reduced to three times a week. It is recognised that suburban services cannot be further reduced without great inconvenience, and therefore the Commissioners decided that it would be inadvisable to cut down suburban trains for the present. The reductions announced to-day will take effect from Monday next.

IN THE COUNTRY.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

Broken Hill is commencing to feel the result of the coal strike in business circles. Although the mines continue to run full time, the miners and other mine employees are expecting a partial cessation of work if the strike continues, or if a water famine comes along, and consequently are saving their money.

The first direct effect of the coal strike is announced to-night by Mr. Sweet, manager of the South Extended mine, which adjoins the South Blocks. He states that for the lack of coal he has been obliged to cease shaftsinking and pay off the men. There is very little coal on the mine, and this will be utilised in keeping the mine free of water.

SCONE, Thursday.

The refusal of the railway authorities to take wool is causing great inconvenience to wool-growers. About 4000 bales are still on the way to the local station.

LISMORE, Thursday.

The municipal council has a supply of coal for the gas works which will last seven weeks.

THE CESSNOCK MINERS.

"MR. BOWLING'S RIGHT-HAND MAN."

SAVING FOR A STRUGGLE.

Mr. A. Biggars, whom Mr. Bowling speaks of as his right-hand man, is now in Sydney on private business. Mr. Biggars is an ex-delegate of the Colliery Employees' Federation, and a member of the Aberdare lodge.

"The Aberdare lodge," said he, "has a membership of over 700, and is the largest in the federation. Last Wednesday it expressed by resolution absolute confidence in the executive of the strike congress. It also resolved against any further street demonstrations, so that the police should not be able to accuse the Aberdare miners of being law breakers." Very few applications for assistance had so far been received by the lodge, he said, though one or two newcomers to Cessnock had been helped.

Mr. Bowling's mine scheme, he added, was approved by the lodge.

To show the miners' earnestness, and that they realised how serious the position was, two hotels in Cessnock, he said, which did in ordinary times a roaring trade, were now practically deserted. The miners had the money, but they were keeping it for necessaries, preparing for a long fight. "It is the indiscretions of the mine managers and their officials," said he, "through which most of the small grievances have arisen. It's the pin-prick policy that has caused this trouble.

"The lodge unanimously condemned the Government for proposing to put into operation the penal clauses of the Industrial Disputes Act. I moved that this be struck out," Mr. Biggars. "The lodge is absolutely opposed to the Act. Its members feel that no unionist could agree to the penal clauses." They had not discussed the proposed compulsory board.

"The Cessnock miners," he added, "have not much to object to as far as concerns the Caledonian Company. Mr. Duncan McGeachie, the company's superintendent, has always been fair to the men in discussing grievances."

WORK AND PAY.

SOME INTERESTING FIGURES.

CONFIDENCE IN CONGRESS.

WOLLONGONG, Thursday.

There has been considerable difference of opinion as to the days worked and the average received at the South Coast mines during the past few months. The following figures will no doubt give some idea of the position. For the 14 weeks ended September 30, Mt. Pleasant worked 47 days and the average received was 10s; Mt. Keira mine, 39½ days, average wage 10s; Mt. Kembla mine, 48½ days, average wage, 10s; Coledale, 62½ days, average wage 10s; South Clifton, 45½ days, average wage, 10s; Metropolitan Colliery, 62 days, average wage, 11s. For the 14 weeks ended October 30, the Bulli miners worked 49 days, their average earn

at 6s to 7s per man. This is the truth, and you could get same from colliery books to prove it. The reason the public think the men get well paid in a mine is because when a couple of men happen to make 20s to 30s per shift, this is put in the press, but the majority, say, making from 3s to 7s per shift, is not mentioned. Of course, you can see how the public get the idea about a miner being the best-paid man. The miner wants a living wage, which, of course, he has not been getting.

Second.—Eight hours is also another question which we must get. Why? Because Government and private employees have the eight hours, and have the fresh air to work in; how much more, then, should we have the same concession, we who are locked up in the bowels of the earth, the dirty mines of which I will tell you of later, the places where rats and vermin abound in, I may say, millions? Why, I tell you if our city cousins were to go through a mine and see the rats in these dungeons, they would want to know why the city health officer did not send a gang of rat-catchers. They would certainly be afraid lest one or two should have the awful disease of plague. Then the mines' rules say boys under 18 years should not be underground more than eight hours. Still, there are men who keep boys working their 10 long hours. What about this, coalowners? Is this breaking the law?

Third.—Sanitation: The mines are the dirtiest places on God's earth to work in. Take some of the larger pits, with 600 men in. There are no lavatories, and of course nature's wants must be satisfied. I will leave it to you to think for yourselves what smells arise over such a neglect, not to speak of shiftmen sometimes getting their hands full of human dirt when lifting timber off the floors, and then no water even to cleanse our hands, but have to go and eat our daily bread with hands just cleansed by slack. But, of course, there is water in the pit, but if you stir it up, which one does if he disturbs it at all, the smell is such that if a city gentleman were there at the time, why, he would swear that the Bondi sewer had burst. Then in two mines I know of the men are compelled, against the rules and law, to travel in the return air course, that is, where all the foul air of the mines is travelling out. Is this healthy? and does the Minister for Mines know that such things exist? I am sure, then, you will think considering the dangerous occupation of the miner, who is in danger of his life when he goes in in the morning till he is out at night that he is entitled to a fair wage; also, that all classes working in a mine are too long in the dirty hole I have described.

I will content myself with what I have said as being enough to let you and the general public know that the employees are not being treated as true British subjects, but more like slaves; and I do not think, after this, you will wonder why the men came out on strike. It's the owners who have broken the law by their action in giving the miners great provocation and in not listening to their grievances when asked in a civil way. So I must ask you, Do you not think it time the Government stepped in and said, We will abolish slavery in this fair young country. The miners are anxious to give coal to the public, but not on the present terms, 'peace at any price." Give us a fair day's work, and a fair day's pay; this is all we want, and, take it from me, we are back to work in a jiffy. I think you will agree, there is nothing unjust in what we ask.

All I can say now is, that I, as others, am very sorry when such a calamity fell on this young country; but it shows that the British blood cannot, and will not, stand to be made slaves of, but would die first. There is another thing that just struck me, and it is this: The Government wanted miners to go on the scene of the day conference sat. Well, they did that at Newcastle in the last strike. Well, what did they do at the Commission, the same as would have been done at the present. It's this way—Meet to-day, adjourn till this day week; then adjourn another month or so on, and men see the way things are carried on in this style, and, of course, you can't blame them to be very wary in the present, after previous promises not being fulfilled.

Anyhow, let us hope, for the sake of this young country, which we should all love and wish to see prosper, that a speedy termination comes to this bad state of affairs. Also, that the Government will see that the men get justice, and not be treated as slaves any longer. Wishing you and all will still have a merry Christmas and happy New Year, and trusting all grievances will be all forgotten by the time the great festival arrives, I am, etc.,

BELLAMBI.

TO OPEN THE MINES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Supposing, in the absence of an early settlement, the proprietors call for, say, 2000 miners or as many as are immediately required (unionists given preference) upon fixed reasonable terms, guaranteeing employment for a fixed period. What would happen? These conditions would be subject to the existing law for the time being. The State Government must preserve law and order no matter how many unions are called out, and if they find this too big an undertaking for them, then S. 119 of the Commonwealth Constitution Act applies, to wit:—"The Commonwealth shall protect every State against invasion, and, on the application of the Executive Government of the State, against domestic violence." It is not suggested that there is anything new in this, but I have not observed that the unfortunate, misled, so far comparatively law-abiding, undoubtedly well-behaved miners on strike have had this forcibly brought home to them.

Australia is essentially a shining light of law and order, and no single class is in a position to dictate what the whole community of a State shall be illegally compelled to do. Is it absurd to think that what would happen is that the proprietors would get the men, and peace would once more prevail? Then, that both the miners and the proprietors would have recourse to ordinary legal methods for the purpose of ventilating and adjusting their disputes. I am, etc.,

Nov. 29. DISINTERESTED.

WHO WILL WIN?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I read at the commencement of this strike that both the miners and the proprietors said most emphatically that they would not countenance intervention of any kind. The proprietors have all along adhered to this policy, whilst the miners' agitators have become weakened and clamorous for intervention of any kind that would let them down easily. Why so? Because they see that "they have bitten off more than they can chew."

Public sympathy is not with them, because they not only want to dictate to the proprietors, but also to rule the country, in defiance of the country's laws, made with their representatives' sanction and assistance, and in their favour. They also see that their "flocks of blind sheep" are divided, and that some of them have broken away, and they are afraid that the unions are likely to be shattered. They pretend to the public that they want to work a couple of mines for their benefit, whilst those who are capable of reading between the lines see clearly that their true object is to secure funds with which to keep the men idle, with the forlorn hope that by prolonging it they will do what has never been done before—win on a strike. If they think they will weary the public in this way they never made a greater mistake. The public can, and will, stand the inconvenience better and longer than the starving miners and their innocent (in some cases) wives and children, while they exist upon a pittance cadged by their agitators to keep the strike going.

Another thing is worrying them. Both China and Japan (where labour is to be had at 6d per day) are teeming with coal, and once those strikers compel the opening up of those mines, good-bye to Newcastle coal trade. It may be a pettifogging busines in the future, but nothing more, until a reduction in wages brings it down to the level of competition.

Do they think that shipowners and others will run after them, and send their ships to Newcastle for "the fun of the thing" and lay them up for weeks whilst these paid agitators are keeping thousands of foolish miners and others idle? No, Sir, they will go to China, Japan, and elsewhere, where they can get loaded in 48 hours and away. If Newcastle mines were the only mines in the world this might happen, but they know this is not so. The sooner the miners go back to work and accept the conference offered by the proprietors "on the same day" the better for them. Half of them in their hearts are wishing to get back, and the other half only want a lead to follow quickly.

Why don't the Government allow them to fight it out on their first principles of "no intervention" or put their foot down at once, on behalf of the people they represent? When their so-called grievances are boiled down by their own showing they can be settled in half an hour; therefore, there cannot be much in them. I am, etc.,

Narrabri, Nov. 30. F. W. ROBINSON.

NEW ZEALAND STATE COAL MINE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Analysing the figures given by you today from Wellington of the output and distribution last year of the New Zealand State Coalmine, it seems that railway and other Government departments absorbed 137,543 tons, giving a cost per ton of nearly 19s, whilst shipping and other private consumers took 98,986 tons, giving a cost per ton of nearly 12s, leaving a margin paid by, or I suppose charged to, the Government departments, as against that paid by shipping and other private consumers, of 7s per ton. So that it would appear that upon the 137,543 tons supplied to Government departments, they either paid or were charged 7s per ton extra over shipping, etc., making no less than £48,000 odd. Thus the fancied profit of £17,000 turns out to be a positive loss of some £30,000 odd borne by the general public of New Zealand, and this, too, in order to provide miners (who want to share this fancied profit) with 14s per day of seven hours. So much for nationalising the mines. This, and the New Zealand strike at the Government coalmine, should be an object lesson to all but those who want to make money out of the public in the deal.

I am, etc., DON.

Dec. 1.

COALCLIFF MINES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Re the statement of the Coalcliff miners anxious to resume work, we, the miners of Coalcliff colliery, deny this point blank, as there is not the slightest truth in it, unless our general secretary has exceeded his duty, which we have no reason to think he has. He was only directed to inform the Coalcliff manager that we had formed a branch of the South Coast Union, which he (the manager) disputed, and would not recognise from us until he got it officially from the general secretary of the South Coast Union. The fact is we withdraw the two union men because the manager would not grant them eight hours from bank to bank, being one of the principles we are fighting for, which we intend to stick to to the last. So, if the manager or anyone else thinks we are anxious to return to work, they are barking up the wrong tree. Neither has any of our members applied for work. If we do, it will be in line with the claims of the strike.

We are, etc.,

Clifton, Nov. 30. LODGE OFFICERS.

CARRIAGE OF STRIKE COAL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Now that the Government has considered its ways and intimated that it proposes to take action, why not carry that action to a logical conclusion, and refuse to carry any coal from the strikers' mines other than that required for its own use, or, better still, commandeer the whole output?

The railways of this State are external to Parliament and uncontrollable, yet the Commissioners apparently are prepared to carry coal other than that needed by themselves, which is giving an undue preference or advantage to the strikers, and imposing an undue prejudice and disadvantage on the general public. It is also aiding and abetting an illegal act to assist to prolong the strike; both are contrary to statute law.

The railways are common carriers, and the Commissioners are prevented by the Act which called them into existence from doing this very thing.

Some years ago leading counsel were asked this question: "Whether in view of the fact of the Legislature of this State having made the railway traffic a department of the State, to be worked not for private advantage, but in the interests of the public, are the Railway Commissioners placed in any different position to that of a railway company in England?" I now give the joint opinion, ipsissima verba: "The statute forbids the giving of an undue or unreasonable preference, or imposing an undue or unreasonable disadvantage. The words 'undue preference' clauses, ss. 24-26, were not contained in the old Railway Act of 1858, said Act contained only the equality clause S. 100, of the Railway Act of 1858, S. 30 of the Railway Act, 1888. The equality clause is taken from the Imperial Railway C.C. Act, 1845, S. 90, as 'preference' clauses from the Imperial Railway and Canal Traffic Act of 1854. In adopting these latter clauses we think the Legislature must have intended to adopt them with the construction put on them by the English Courts, and consequently that the Court here would follow these decisions."

Now it appears to me, apart from the Government altogether, any person, for the common good could apply to a Judge in Chambers for an injunction restraining the Commissioners from hauling any coal, the product of these mines other than that taken by the Government, and that there should be no great difficulty in making out a sufficiently strong case to get that injunction continued until the hearing, by which time, in all probability, the strike will be at an end. I am, etc.,

COMMON CARRIER.

Dec. 1.

WIRELESS IN THE PACIFIC.

CONFERENCE TO BE HELD.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Prime Minister announced to-night that in a fortnight's time a conference would be held to consider the question of establishing a wireless telegraphic system throughout the Pacific. At the meeting there will be representatives of the Commonwealth, New Zealand, Fiji, and the Admiralty.

STATE PARLIAMENTS.

VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Legislative Assembly to-day decided to disagree with the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Electoral Law Amendment Bill. The Treasurer said the amendments struck at the most essential provisions of the measure—that abolishing the ratepayers' roll and providing for the one enrolment by electoral canvass. The Water Bill was taken through committee, and read the third time.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

PERTH, Thursday.

In the Assembly last night the Agricultural Lands Purchase Bill was strongly condemned, but on division the second reading was agreed to by 24 votes to 17. The Friendly Societies' select committee recommended the adoption by the State of the New South Wales subventions to friendly societies—provision for the payment of half cost of sick pay after the first 12 months of males and females under 60, and the whole cost of males over 65, and females over 60 years of age. The Premier moved the second reading of the Constitution Amendment Bill, providing for the reduction of property qualification for the Upper House franchise from £100 to £50, and householders' qualification for rent, £25, to £15. The debate was adjourned. The Premier gave notice of a bill to authorise a loan of £1,342,000, for public works and other purposes. The House agreed to the motion.

The Council agreed to the second reading of the Legitimation Bill.

NEW ZEALAND GOLD EXPORT.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

During the eleven months ended Tuesday New Zealand exported £61,672oz gold, valued at £1,829,846, a decrease of 5397oz, valued at £19,202 compared with the corresponding period last year. Last month's export showed a decrease of over 7000oz.

SEARCH FOR CASTAWAYS.

AUCKLAND (N.Z.), Thursday.

The New Zealand Government training ship Amokura returned from the Kermadecs yesterday. She found no signs of wrecks or castaways.

TRUCKERS DOWN TOOLS.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

Because one of the truckers in the Block 10 mill was dismissed yesterday for using offensive words to a shift boss, five other truckers downed tools and struck. This slightly interfered with work.

POLICE COURTS.

ALLEGED THEFT OF A BICYCLE.

At the Water Police Court, before Mr. C. N. Payten, S.M., Arthur Almeroth, 17, and William Bowles, 16, were charged with stealing a bicycle, valued at £21, the property of William Ross. Ross stated that he was an electrician, and on November 2 he had a bicycle in his possession, and left it outside of a place in York-street for a space of about three minutes. When he returned the bicycle had disappeared, and he reported the matter to the police. On November 13 last he went to No. 1 Police Station, and had a conversation with Constables Lynch and Williams, and in consequence of what was told him, he went to a house at Ultimo, where he saw accused Almeroth. He said he wanted to hire four bicycles, and Almeroth agreed to let him have them. On each of the bicycles shown witness, he identified parts of his lost machine. Witness returned to the police station, and told the constables what he had seen. Parts of the bicycles produced were his property. Bowles reserved his defence. Arthur Almeroth said that on November 2 he and Bowles started out to steal a bicycle. When in York-street, witness saw a machine, mounted it, and rode it home to Ultimo. Later, he told Bowles in reply to a question as to whether he had got anything, that he had got a bicycle. On the following Friday they together went to Castlereagh-street, and stole another bicycle. The handles of this machine were placed on the one he got at York-street. He was making the confession of his guilt of his own free will. Both were committed for trial.

STEALING A COPPER BOILER.

At the Balmain Police Court, before Mr. G. H. Smithers, S.M., Mildred Lidbury, 19, and Louis Johnston, 18, were charged with stealing a copper boiler, value 12s, from 18 Datchett-street, Balmain. The evidence showed that the accused were living at the address given, and sold the boiler for 3s. Both pleaded guilty, and were each fined £2, in default, a month in gaol.

SHOP-LIFTING.

At the Balmain Police Court, before Mr. G. H. Smithers, S.M., Mildred Lidbury, or Bell, 19, married, was charged with stealing one skirt, two blouses, one pair of shoes, and three boys' coats, value £1 1s, the property of Elizabeth Gray, at Balmain, on November 18. Evidence was given that the articles were stolen from the drapery and second-hand shop kept by the prosecutor at 180 Evans-street, Rozelle on the date stated, and that accused pawned the skirt under a false name. In the witness-box, accused said her name was Bell, and that the man she was living with asked her to pawn the things. She did not steal them, but she was told after she had pawned them that the things were stolen. The accused was fined £2, in default, one month's hard labour.

THE FIRST SEA LORD.

SIR A. K. WILSON TO BE APPOINTED.

LONDON, Dec. 2.

It is officially announced that Admiral of the Fleet Sir A. K. Wilson will be appointed to succeed Admiral of the Fleet Lord Fisher as First Sea Lord of the Admiralty on January 25.

Mr. Asquith, with the approval of the King, has requested Lord Fisher to continue his membership of the Committee of Imperial Defence after vacating his post.

When two weeks ago the statement was unofficially made that Admiral of the Fleet Sir A. K. Wilson would be appointed First Sea Lord, we republished one of two stories of his handling of fleets contributed to the "Herald" in the course of a series of articles last year by our special correspondent with the flagship, and since embodied in book form. The second story is:—

"The other spectacle was away from the land altogether. It was that admiral's last command, the climax of 52 years of single-minded, wonderful work. He was leaving the last fleet in a week or two—his last and greatest fleet. So just for one morning he took all the battleships, 40 of them, out of the bay and worked them as one fleet, the biggest fleet that was ever worked together, and worked them as no fleet was ever worked before. He took them at 17 knots, the highest speed of the slowest ship, which was full speed for the whole, and hour after hour he flung that whole fleet at its full speed this way and that, up and down, and across, with the ships at two cables (400yds) distance from one another.

"To realise what that means you must know that to work a single division at that distance at full speed is an unheard-of thing. There were seven divisions here, and one mistake would have piled one on top of another like trucks in a railway smash. But for hours they weltered after one another, and split and divided and joined and swung their great sterns round at racing speed like the skirts of a chorus girl. The public, when it read over its morning tea and toast that the battleships at Lagos were exercised at full speed, skipped the paragraph, and went on to something it could understand, the last match, or the horrible details. The pity of it that such a spectacle was wasted on a fisherman and a Portuguese Jew. But all the navy knows, and after all that is what matters. In every ship's company for 30 years there will be men who were there. They speak of it as the sight of their lives. In all his 52 years' service, fair or never threw that admiral in the way of a single battle on the sea. But no one knows when the results of that day's impression will die. It may well be as fruitful as a great victory and a worthy end of a great career.

"The man who did it went over the side a month or two later. He had begun by fighting Arabs with the hilt of a broken sword. He rose by living for his work. He worked with a third of the usual staff. He hated women, dances, holidays. He dressed shabbily ashore. But if he said the enemy will on Monday be either at A or B, there on Monday the enemy was. He had an immense courage and a charm which won every captain in his fleet. His last signal was, 'I hope that you will continue your discipline to the last, and that there will be no cheering when I go over the side.' He refused to go to the Admiralty because there was a retiring age, and he had come to it. The King made him an Admiral of the Fleet, and rumour says that he argued with the King.

"We all know of 'Charlie' Beresford; we all know of 'Jacky' Fisher; we all know of 'Percy' Scott. In spite of his personal modesty, it is just a little surprising that we never heard of Admiral Sir Arthur Knyvet Wilson, V.C.—commonly 'Tug' Wilson."

PERSONAL.

VICE-REGAL.

Sir William MacGregor, the Governor of Queensland, arrived at Pinkenba at 10.30 o'clock yesterday morning by the R.M.S. Orsova. Members of the Ministry, accompanied by their wives, proceeded to Pinkenba on the Lucinda. Mr. Kidston and his colleagues went on board the liner, and greeted Sir William. The party transferred to the Lucinda, and came up the river. The weather was brilliant. The main streets and public buildings were elaborately decorated. A handsome arch was erected at the entrance to Government House. On arrival at the wharf the Mayor of Brisbane presented an address of welcome, to which his Excellency replied. A procession was then formed, passing through Queen and George streets, which were thronged with spectators, to Government House. Included in the procession were Ministers and members of both Houses of Parliament, Consuls, Mayor and alderman of the City Council, and representative citizens. On arrival at Government House, his Excellency was sworn in, and later in the afternoon a number of addresses were presented.

The Government of Victoria will entertain Field-Marshal Lord Kitchener at an "at home" in the State Parliament House. The date will not be fixed until definite information has been received from Lord Kitchener on his arrival at Port Darwin.

Mr. R. E. Priestley, who accompanied the Shackleton Antarctic expedition in the capacity of geologist, arrived in Sydney yesterday by the Marmora from London. His mission is to assist Professor David in making a detailed microscopic and macroscopic examination of the two and a half tons of geological specimens collected by the expedition. "Most of these rocks," said Mr. Priestley yesterday—he was already at work on them—"have been carried very long distances by glacial ice, and our idea is to record the facts observed on the expedition, and to make a book of reference for the use of any future Antarctic expedition and the workers in glaciology generally. The specimens will be examined by specialists, and it will take from a year to 18 months. I think the expedition has been an unparalleled success in the scientific results obtained."

Lieutenant Dakin has been appointed captain of the New South Wales rifle team to visit New Zealand. Mr. E. J. Brown, chairman of the N.R.A. Council, is selector. As representative of the N.R.A. Council, Mr. E. J. Brown will attend the New England Rifle Association's meeting, and Mr. J. R. Wallace will visit the Kempsey meeting.

Mr. R. S. Millington, who died at Newtown on Friday, was one of the first chemists in Inverell, and remained there 36 years. He was a well-known Methodist, and at times conducted the church services. Deceased leaves a widow and five children, all of whom are married. The Rev. M. Collier and the Rev. Mr. Cox (Bondi) conducted the burial service, and spoke of deceased's active interest in the Church for the past 50 years.

Archdeacon Lefroy has accepted the position of secretary of the Australian Board of Anglican Missions. His duties will be to reorganise the whole mission work of the Commonwealth, edit the missionary journal, and travel for deputation purposes. He will leave Western Australia for Sydney at an early date.

The Rev. T. J. Carrick, who was ordained by the Cardinal Archbishop of Sydney at St. Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday morning, is the eldest son of Mr. Martin Carrick, the Lord Mayor's orderly. He was educated at St. Mary's School and St. Patrick's College, Manly, and had a most successful collegiate course. On Wednesday morning he held his first Mass at St. Mary's, being assisted by Monsignor O'Haran, and on Sunday morning next he will sing the High Mass at the Cathedral.

The death is announced from Adelaide, at the age of 74 years, of Mr. George Cockburn, who served in H.M.S. Calcutta during the China campaign of 1857 and 1859. The present Governor, Admiral Sir Day Hort Bosanquet, was a midshipman on the boat at the same time. Altogether, deceased served on four warships after the China campaign. Mr. Cockburn settled in South Australia, and was for nearly 50 years engaged in the printing department of the "Register."

Mr. David Anderson, one of the managers of the Orient S.N. Company, Mr. J. N. Crawford, the Surrey cricketer, Captain A. T. Tirget, of the Imperial Navy, who is to act as relieving officer on the Australian station, and General Sir Arthur Darwood, K.C.B., are travelling by the R.M.S. Otway, which reached Fremantle yesterday. Mr. Crawford has secured a position as master at St. Peter's College, Adelaide.

THE DAVIS CUP.

Biograph views taken at the Davis Cup tennis tournament will be shown at St. James' Hall on Saturday next. A musical programme will also be rendered during the evening, at which the following artists will assist:—Miss Hilda Aitken, Messrs. E. Sussmilch, Syd. Shipway, and others.

AMATEUR CRICKETERS.

AUSTRALIANS AT COLOMBO.

PAYMENT AS EXPENSES.

LONDON, Dec. 1.

Commenting on a report in the "Ceylon Times" of a cricket match there on October 30, when European residents declined to play "Truth," says: "It is discreditable that the Australian cricketers should charge heavy fees for playing—a money-grubbing business. The whole story is dispicable and degrading. The match being against a purely native team degraded white men in the eyes of the natives."

Some members of the association consider that it was humiliating to Australian cricket for the Australians to charge £10 each to play against the native team at Colombo. The matter is sure to be brought before the association and the Board of Control. Indeed, the secretary of the board, Mr. W. P. M'Elligott, has said, asking if we would play. It was sent to M'Alister, and he put the matter before us, and we agreed that we would play. We got £50, the amount mentioned in the cable message.

"The team we met was got together by the Sinhalese Sports Club, and, from memory, I think they were all Sinhalese, but I am not quite sure.

"I may mention that we did not ask for any terms at all. The cable message came to M'Alister from Colombo, offering us £50, and all the arrangements, and we had no captained the side. We were treated handsomely, entertained at lunch, and banqueted in the evening.

"The cause of the whole trouble is this—there is a club in Colombo which, it appears, wanted to play the Sinhalese Sports Club anticipated it, and so got the match. When we got to Colombo we heard there was going to be a big song over the Australians playing the Sinhalese. We had given our word to play, and we were going to stick to it. All the fuss been made in the European Club, but it seems to me to be due only to jealousy and a desire to get even with us because they did not secure the match. They were too late in the field. The Sinhalese Club made a good thing out of the match. It cleared about £100 out of our match.

"Personally I cannot see any difference between playing for a guarantee of £50 at Colombo and accepting a guarantee of £50 in England. Or what difference is there between us playing against the Sinhalese and the M.C.C. teams, under Warner, playing against Marsh, the aboriginal. There was no money-grubbing about the business. We charged nothing, but were simply asked if we would play for £50 and we accepted. I suppose it paid them to guarantee us that amount. They charged from two to five guineas for 2s 6d to 5s 6d. The attendance must have been about 4000, and there was a good deal of enthusiasm.

"There are some good cricketers in Colombo. They are solid without taking risks, they bowl well, and their fielding is excellent."

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

When interviewed to-day, M'Alister said that the Australians did not offer to play, or ask any terms on their arrival at Port Said. On the return journey they received a cabled message from the Ceylon Sporting Club asking if it would play at Colombo, and guaranteeing them £50 if they would do so. They replied that they would do so with pleasure, and on arrival at Colombo they played. The match commenced at 10 o'clock in the morning, and was continued until a quarter to 6 in the evening. The Ceylon team was composed entirely of Sinhalese gentlemen of standing and highly educated, most of them being graduates of English Universities in Ceylon. These native gentlemen were recognised as better cricketers than any of the European residents. There was no race feeling in the matter. While they were there the Sinhalese gentlemen treated them right royally, and the Ceylon Sporting Club did well out of the match, and paid them the £50 with pleasure. The match was a great success.

V. Ransford said that when he was offered his £10 he preferred not to take the money, but went with one of the officials of the club, who purchased for him native goods to the value of £10. They would not hear of his refusing to accept them.

THE SENATE.

THE DEFENCE BILL.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Defence Bill was further considered in committee in the Senate to-night. Two amendments which came from the Opposition —one in favour of free uniforms being supplied by the Government, and the other that physical training of lads should commence at 10 years of age instead of 12—were negatived on division.

The Vice-President of the Executive Council (Senator Millen) moved that citizens "forbidden by the doctrines of their religion" shall, as far as possible, be exempted from military service, and allotted non-combatant duties.

Upon division, the amendment was agreed to by 21 votes to 6, the minority being Senators Chataway, Croft, Mulcahy, Cameron, Lynch, and Needham.

Several minor amendments were effected at the instance of the Vice-President of the Executive Council (Senator Millen).

The committee's report will be presented to the House to-morrow.

The debate on the second reading of the Northern Territory Bill was resumed by Senators Walker (N.S.W.) and St. Ledger (Q.), who said they would vote against the bill.

The debate was adjourned.

TRANSFER OF STATE DEBTS.

The third reading of the Constitution Alteration (State Debts) Bill was carried on the voices.

HIGH COMMISSIONER BILL.

The amendment made in clause 7 of the High Commissioner Bill was agreed to. This clause forbids the High Commissioner to "engage in any business."

The House rose at 10.15 p.m.

MR. CYRIL MONK'S PUPILS.

A very successful concert was given at the Y.M.C.A. Hall last night by the pupils of Mr. Cyril Monk. The hall was well filled by a most appreciative audience. Amongst those figuring on the programme were:—Misses Eunice Pincham, Ivy Wardale, Hilda Thompson, Muriel Barton, Muriel Reay, Ivy Allen, Miriam Lucina, Pearl Barton, Irene Doran, Valerie White, Flora Woodhouse, Millie Cleland, Leila Jeffrey, Mr. Rainon Illingworth, and Masters Cazador Pryce, Wilbrie Black, and Walter Ralphs.

THE COMMONWEALTH.

HAT BANDS THREE INCHES IN WIDTH.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

A deputation to the Minister for Customs asked that hat bands up to 3in in width be admitted free of duty. At present bands up to 1¼in in width came in free. Sir Robert Best, in reply, said he was favourably disposed towards the proposal; but a considerable amount of revenue had been lost by reason of galoons having in the past been used for purposes other than for hats. Care would have to be taken to ensure that the object of the tariff to encourage local industries by allowing the raw materials to come in free was not defeated. He would consider the request with a view to establishing some safeguard against the revenue being defrauded.

Mr. Mauger remarked that the hatmakers would agree to any conditions that the bands should only be used for hats.

THE TELEPHONE SERVICE.

It is estimated that the special committee appointed to inquire into the cost of the telephone service has so far cost £1000. It has now been in existence nearly 5½ months, but at present there is no sign of a final report.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

GENEROSITY OF CHURCHGOERS.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The twelfth report on the liabilities of the Archdiocese of Adelaide has been issued by Archbishop O'Riely, and the figures are remarkably significant. The Archbishop remarks: "Since 1895 every year has seen its published record of archdiocesan financial doings. It has been open for everyone to read. The generosity of our people is even to me a wonder. Our story has an interest, and will continue to have an interest, for our people. It is a story that has proved enlightenment, guidance, and encouragement to me. One figure sums up the situation. Within the past 14 years the Catholic body has, after providing for the maintenance of its priests, its sisters, its schools, raised for church purposes no less than £307,471."

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

THE GOLD YIELD.

PERTH, Thursday.

The gold yield for November was 133,164oz, valued at £565,646. The yield for November last year was 137,000oz.

The Fremantle Trades Hall Association has decided to draw the attention of the Federal Labour members to the necessity for providing that the north-west coastal shipping trade be confined to boats manned with white labour, and the State Parliamentary Labour party is to be asked to take action to regulate the excessive freight charges and passenger fares ruling on that coast.

TASMANIA.

HOBART, Wednesday.

The Cabinet has decided to abolish the Council of Agriculture, advisory body to the Lands Department, and establish an Agricultural Department under a director.

STATES' REVENUE.

VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Victorian revenue for November was £677,988, a decrease of £30,717 as compared with the corresponding period of last year. The falling-off was due to the inflation of the excise duties in November, 1908, when heavy probate was paid on the estate of the late Mr. David Syme, rather than to any decrease in general revenue for this November. In fact, the railway receipts exceeded those for November, 1908, by over £16,000, and there were slight advances in other items. The decrease in excise returns amounted to £35,996.

QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The revenue of Queensland for November was £256,843, compared with £216,046 for the corresponding month last year. Increases were:—Amount received from the Commonwealth, £21,215; railways, £23,391.

Expenditure for the month decreased by £31,167, the principal decrease being in railways, £26,318.

The revenue for the five months was £1,985,344, compared with £1,930,843 for the same period last year. The amount received from the Commonwealth decreased £55,798; territorial increased £32,097; railways increased £69,462.

The expenditure for the five months increased by £3365. Railway revenue increased by £36,843. The excess of revenue for the five months over expenditure was £630,856, compared with £649,719 during the same period of 1908.

NORTHERN TERRITORY.

STATE OF THE FINANCES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In the Senate to-day the Vice-President of the Executive Council stated that the revenue of the Northern Territory for last year was £51,303, while the expenditure was £228,816, which included payment of £20,000 for reduction of Treasury bills. The debt of the Territory now stands at £3,527,796.

MAIMED BY A CHAFF-CUTTER.

COOLAMON, Thursday.

A man named Dawson was brought in, having sustained severe injury by having a foot drawn into the blades of a chaff-cutter. The toes were cut off, and on examination the whole foot was found so badly crushed that amputation was judged necessary. He was removed to Junee Hospital.

END OF AN OUTLAW.

PARKES, Thursday.

Whilst W. Mazandier was breaking in a colt, purchased at the recent Wellington sales, the animal, in bucking, fell forward, striking its nose on the ground, and dislocating its neck. A friendly bullet ended the animal's sufferings.

A CRUISE IN THE ISLANDS.

RETURN OF H.M.S. PEGASUS.

After an absence from Sydney of nearly six months, H.M.S. Pegasus returned to Sydney yesterday afternoon from her cruise among the islands of the New Hebrides Group, Fiji, and New Caledonia. While in port at Vila two sittings of the joint commission were held on board, and a third meeting was held on board the French cruiser Kersaint. On the way back to Sydney a call was made at Noumea to replenish coal supplies.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

MAN'S HAND CRUSHED.

Shortly after the 11.10 p.m. train from Sydney had passed through Stanmore last night a man named Henry Austin heard trucks coming from a point on the line. He told the railway officials, who made a search, and found a man named Arthur Oxley, 32, living in Whyte-street, Leichhardt, lying on the rails near the platform. He had a bad wound on the back of his head, and his left hand was crushed. He was taken to Newtown by train, and removed to Prince Alfred Hospital, where he was admitted.

THE WEATHER.

STORM AT CLAIRVILLE.

GLEN INNES.—A severe storm occurred on Wednesday at Clairville. A picnic party was disturbed by the force of the wind and vivid lightning. Limbs of trees were blown down, horses stampeded, and children and women were terrified. Rain poured down.

KEMPSEY.—25 Points of rain fell on Wednesday during a thunderstorm. Good rains have fallen on the Upper Macleay during the past week.

LOCHINVAR.—A severe thunderstorm burst over the town about 1 p.m. on Wednesday. A telegraph pole in the middle of the town was splintered, and the local telephone instruments were rendered inoperative, the wires in some places almost touching the ground. 49 points of rain were registered.

STATION REPORTS.

Gibbs, Bright, and Co. have received the following advices of rain:—

Rothbalia station, Roma, Queensland, Nov. 27:—"Rain. Seventeen hundredths." Mt. Kilmorey 55; 26th: Cornwall falls, Blair Cornwall 35, Kilmorey 55; 28th: Cornwall falls, Blair Cornwall 35, Kilmorey 55; 29th: Cornwall falls, Blair Cornwall 35, Kilmorey 55 points. Heavy storm, but patchy. No report yet from Ryemount."

Amby Downs station, Roma, Queensland, Nov. 29:—"Rainfall, 27th: Head station, 60 points, lower end 200 points."

Yarranlah station, Angledool, New South Wales, Nov. 29:—"One inch 40 points, general rain, on 27th inst."

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Dec. 2.

Marmora, R.M.S., 10,009 tons, Captain Weston, from London, via ports. Passengers—Mrs. Colley, Miss Steele, Mr. Mrs. and Miss Selthorpe, Mrs. Cleiig and child, Mr. Dunning, Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Terry, Miss Terry, Captain and Mrs. Parkes, Misses Parkes (2), Mrs. Bladen, Mr. T. C. Barnes, Master Barnes, Miss Barnes, Miss Tutcher, Miss Samson, Mr. Priestley, Miss Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. Donovan, Miss Donovan, Mr. Sanders, Miss Ward, Mr. Ackland, Master Ackland, Mrs. Todd and child, Miss Scott, Mr. and Mrs. McLeod, Mrs. Davidson, Miss Geeves, Mr. and Mrs. E. Blair, and child, Mrs. Fowler, Miss Fowler, Mrs. Sherdwood, Mr. Murly, Mr. and Mrs. Warren, 2 maids, governess, and nurse, Miss G. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy Brown and maid, Mr. Buckingham, Miss Morrison, Mrs. Butler, Mr. Jackman, Mr. Kelponen, Mr. Milton, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Dr. Steven, Mr. and Mrs. Brewer, Mr. Newport, Mr. Jamieson, Mr. Goodall, Miss Kelso, Mr. Fitchett, Mr. and Mrs. Dunning, Mr. A. Davison, Mr. and Mrs. Izard, Mr. J. V. Izard, Mr. C. Pauchet, Madam Kiora and maid, Mr. and Mrs. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Napier, Mrs. Larcombe, Miss Skeaton, Sir R. Clarke and valet, Mr. A. Worley, Mrs. and Miss Babbage, Mrs. and Miss White, Mr. Maunsell, Mr. Shipcott, Mrs. Docker, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Rallton, Miss Dight, Miss Blair, Mr. V. Baker, Mr. J. Pitblade, E. Trelawny, agent.

H.M.S. Pegasus, third-class twin-screw protected cruiser, 2135 tons, Captain Arthur H. C. C. Howe, from New Hebrides, Fiji, and Noumea. Passenger—Mr. Arthur Mahaffy, assistant to the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific.

Palermo, s, 7507 tons, Captain Ferguson, from Yokohama, via Moji, Japan. Passengers—Messrs. Coffey and Gillenders. E. Trelawny, agent.

Grantala, s, 3653 tons, Captain James Sim, from Cairns, Townsville, Bowen, Mackay, and Brisbane. Passengers—Saloon 31, second saloon 103, G. S. Yuill and Co., Ltd., agents.

Moyune, s, 4325 tons, Captain Riley, from Yokohama, via Brisbane, en route to United Kingdom and Continent. Gilchrist, Watt, and Sanderson, Ltd., agents.

Kolya, s, 1801 tons, Captain Johnson, from Nauru (Pleasant Island). Passengers—Mr. and Mrs. Hirson and 2 children, Mr. Bristow. Wm. Crosby and Co., agents.

Alsterberg, German four-masted bq, 3049 tons, Captain J. Sarjant, from Mollendo. Olsen E. Pause, agent.

Clan Maclean, s, 4676 tons, Captain Young, from Port Pirie, en route to London and the Continent. M'Arthur Shipping and Agency Company, Ltd., agents.

Macquarie, s, 455 tons, Captain F. W. Merrett, from Port Macquarie. N. Cain's Coastal Co-operative S.S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Corona, s, 1005 tons, Captain Corrance, from Adelaide. J. and A. Brown, agents.

Marioe, s, 2068 tons, Captain Rose, from Port Pirie, G. S. Yuill and Co., Ltd., agents.

Duroby, s, 195 tons, Captain Coulter, from Tweed River. Langley Bros., agents.

Hunter, s, 1860 tons, Captain Thompson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and H. R. S.S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Yuligilbar, s, 379 tons, Captain Beach, from the Macleay River. North Coast S. N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Electra, s, 386 tons, Captain Atkins, from the Manning River. North Coast S. N. Company, Ltd., agents.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

A moderate amount of business was effected on 'Change yesterday. Bank of New South Wales shares rose 5/; Howard Smith, ordinary, eased 3/; Australian Gas, new, 15/; Pitt, Son, and Badgery rose 1/6, and Intercolonial Investment 1/6, other sales being at late rates.

The following sales were reported:—Morning: "Daily Telegraph" Newspaper, £67; Bank of New South Wales, £51, £51/5/; Commercial Banking Company, £20/10/; Howard Smith Company, 44/6; A.J.S. Bank "B" deposits, 11/3. Afternoon: W. H. Soul, Pattinson, 52/6; Intercolonial Building, 32/; Pitt, Son, and Badgery, 22/; Australian Gaslight, £19/5/; ditto, new, £12/10/.

Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Amount of Shares	Shares Paid Up.	Last Div. Per Annum	Price. Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	Yield to Investor.
STOCKS.							
N.S.W., F.S., due 1912			3	84½			85/
Do., due 1913			4	100½			3/
Do., due 1912†			4	100½	100½	100½	3/
Do., due 1924†			3	90½	90½		3/
Do., due 1915			4	98½	98		4/
Do., due 1921			4	98½			4/
Do., due 1922			4	98½	98½		4/
Do., Act, 1872			4	100	101		3/
Do., Debentures			4	100	107		3/
Do. T. Bls., 1911			3½	99½	98		3/
Bills, 1910			4	100	100		
Do., 1912-13			4	100		100	4/
Bills, 1911			4	100	101		3/
Q. Deb., 1912			4	100½	101		3/
Bds., T. Bills			4	100½	100		3/
W. A. Inscr.			3½				
Bills			4	100	99½		
Inscr. Gen D., '25			4	102	102		3/
City Syd. Deb.			4	102	101		3/
Fal Sugar D.,'14			5	106	104		3/
BANKS.							
Australasia	40	40	14	112½	113		4/
Bank of N. Q.	7	7	5	40/	40/	41/	5/
City of Sydney	8	8	5	80/	80/		6/
Colo. new	10	8	3	18/6	76/		5/
Com. of Aus.	100	10	10	13/6			13/6
Colo. pref.	10	10	5	5/14/6	41	6	5/
Com. of Sydney	25	12½	10	30/	30	30½	
Int. of Aus., ord.	8	5	6	5/10/	5/12/6	5/13/6	5/
Colo. pref.	10	10	10	12			
New Zealand	40	20	10	51½	51	51½	
Q'land National	9	3½	12½	9/5/	9/4	9/5	5/
Union	75	25	14	67½	66½		5/
DEPOSITS.							
A.J.S. Bank—							
Can B.		3	11.3	11/3	11/6	11/9	5/
Can B., 1917		3	12/	11/3			4/
Bnk., Inscr.		3	12/	11/3			4/
Bnk. of Aus. Asia		3		17/9	17/6		5/
B. S. and A.		3	12/6	12/6			4/
Bnk., pref.		3	17/9	17/6			5/
Bnk., Def.		44	17/9	17/10½			
Bnk. Deb.		4	17/9	18/			
Q'land National		3½	16/10	16/10½	17/6		4/
STEAM.							
Adelaide S'ship	1	1	10	38/7½	34/	38/6	5/
A.U.S. Bank	1	1	10	32/9	30/	32/6	6/
A. Smith, ord.	1	1	10	44/6	44/		6/
Bnts., pref.	1	1	5	21/3	21/3		4/
Illawarra	1	15/	7	19/6	19/		7/
Newcastle	6		6	23/9	20		6/
North Coast	1	17/6	8	27/	27/		
Q'land Nat.	1	15/	12½	45/6			5/
Sydney Ferries	1		10	74/6	72		4/
Union of N. Z.	1	1	8	34/	34/		4/
INSURANCE.							
A. M. Fire	1	15	14	45/6	45/		
Ed. Mutual	1		10	65/	65/		6/
N.Z. Insurance	10	6/	100	176	175		6/
New Zealand	10	2	10	78/	75/		5/
Queensland	1	10/	8	18/3	18/		
United	10	2½	12½	5½	5½		5/
GAS.							
Albury	1	12/6	10	21/3	21/		
Australian	6	6	15	19½	19½		5/
Do., new issue	6	3	15	12½	12		5/
Charbon Towers	10/	10/	10	14/9	10/		5/
Canberra	1	1	15	35/6	29/		
Crown	1	1	8	32			
Int. Luna	1	1	7½	23	23/		
Maitland	5	5	10	80	75		
Manly	1	1	9½	45/	45/		
Mtte, new	1	17/6	9½	40			
Mtlge	1	1	10	25/6	22/		
Newcastle	2	2	15	7	6		
North Shore	1	1	8	42/	40/		
Sydney	1	1	10	23/6	21/		
South Brisbane	10/	10/	10		21/		
Bnts. pref.	10/	7/	10				
BREWERIES.							
Cave Ex. Brew.	1	1	4	10/3	10/	10/6	
Peipr'	15/	15/	18	28/6	28/6		
Tooth's	10/	16/	6	15/3	15/3	15/6	
Tooth's	1	1	10	42/6	42/		
MISCELLANEOUS.							
Anvil Ex. Mill	15/	13/	5	5/6	5/4	6/	
A. Brew. Co.	1	1	10	28/6	26/	28/	
Aus. Mutual Prov.	1	1	7	7/3	4/	7/	
Aus. Newspaper	1	1	7	7/3	4/	7/	
Bldg. Soc.	1	1	5	10			
B.H.P. Supply	15/	15/	10	17/		19/	
Bush, Nav.	1	1	7			20/3	
Bnts. Philip	1	1	10	49/6	48/6		
Bldg. Soc. paid	1	10/	10	25/3	24/		
Coal	20	20	10	47½	47½		
Colony, Co.	20	5	7	6	4		
Dalgety R. pref.	1	1	10	99		30/6	
Do. ord.	1	1	10	19/3½		20/3	
Ens B. Rail	1	1	10	4/10	2/10		
Ens. F.G. R.M.	1	10	11	21	21/3		
Ens. Ch. Co.	1	1	8	13/6	13/		
G. Nat. Co.				57			
Goulbt. Smith	15/	15/	8	19/	19/	19/6	
Ens. Ins.	1	1	8	28/	27/3		
Ens. comp.	1	10/	8	15/	13/	14/3	
Intnl Metropole	1	1	7	20/3	20/6		
Ens. pref.	1	1	7	21/6	22/6		
Ens. B. Mercantile	1	1	7	19/3		20/	
Ens. pref.	1	1	7	21/6		21/	
K. Clark, Co.	1	1	10	25/	24/	25/3	
Ens. pref.	10	10	6	10/	10/6	10/9	
Mtl. Trans	1	10/	20	39/11	40/	42/	
Ens. Mut. Pete.	1	1	10	40	40	41/	
Ens. Nat. Gas	1	1	10	21/	20/	22/	
Ens. pref.	1	1	6	23/	23/6		
Ens. Pastoral	12	10	6	11/7½	11/6	11/9	
Ens. Pat. Slip	1	1	10	23/6	23/	24/	
Perpetual, A.	1	1	10	30			
Ens. R.	1	1	10	30/	31/		
Ens. Trust	10	2/6	10	5/	4/6	12/6	
Ens. Trust	20	5/	10	12/3	12/6		
Pet. Son, Bad							
Ens. pref.	1	12/	10	22	20/		
S. Bear Ex.	1	1	3				
S. H. Gordon	1	1	10			23/9	
Sd. and Wrench	1	1	8	15		15/	
Ens. Sugar	1	1	10	30/	30/6	31/	
Sit. Transl	1	1	40	97	95/	98/	
Sun. Waygood	1	1	10	27/	25/6	27/6	
Ens. Tramway	1	10/	10	13/9	13/6	14/6	
Ens. Cyclorama	1	1	5	15/6		16/	
Sydney Exch.	10	10	6	12/6	12/		
W. Hydraulic	1	1	10	24/9		24/	
Ens. comp.	1	10/	10	11/6	11/3	11/6	
W. Ry. and G.E.	1	15/	12½	25/6		27/	
W. H. Soul	1	15/	15	52/6	52/	53/	
Wright, Heaton	24	24	10	67/6	67/		
Wunderlich	1	1	7	8		23/9	
Ens. pref.	1	1	7			22/9	
LAND and BD. Barnard's						22/	
Ens. Prov.	20	20	6	18			
Inter. Inv.	1	15	12½	22/6		23/	
Newcastle Bldg.	1	1	7½	23/		24/	
S. Aus. L.M.	1	1	10	10			
COAL.							
Abermain	1	18/6	15	21/3	20/	24/	
Belambi	1	1	17½	46/	46	48/	
Caledonia	10	10	10	12½	11		
Coal Creek	1	1	10	27	26	27/6	
Elebon	5	5	6	6/8	7/	8/6	
Kemps, pref.	1	1	8	21/6		21/9	
Lithgow, pref.	1	1	12½	11/9		12/	
Mtn. Trust	1	1	10	18	23		1/6
N. Kembla	10	10	18	23/	22		
Scottish	10	10	5	7½			
South Bulli	1	1	10	24	16/	24/	
Durham	1	1	6				
South Greta	10	10	10	12/9	12/6	13/6	
Vale of Clwydd	1	1	10	35/	25	27/6	
Wallsend	10	10	20	27½	26/	27	
Waratah	6	6	10	27		30/	
W. and R. Jn.	1	1	7	12/	11/9		
Wm. new	1	15/	10			31/	
Wm. pref.	1	1	10	36/6	36/6		

† Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly one. * Plus annual payments of 10/5 per cent. ‡ Ex dividend.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Victorian 3 per cent. stock, 102¾, £98.10/; New Zealand 4 per cent. stock, 103, £98.10/; Gobbleshoop, Mort, and Co., 56/9; Metropolitan Gas, £39.19/; Amalgamated Zinc, 21/6.

FINANCIAL.

STATE BUILDING SOCIETIES.

It has been noted of late that co-operative and Starr-Bowkett societies have expanded very materially. They have, indeed, practically doubled themselves in the last four or five years. The same expansion is not noticeable in regard to the building societies proper, as can be seen from the table that follows:—

BUILDING SOCIETIES.

Particulars.	1904. £	1908. £
Liabilities—		
Share capital	283,761	293,295
Fixed deposits	383,188	411,100
Reserves	52,610	67,202
Other liabilities	35,431	8,932
Profits and loss	30,618	34,227
Total	755,617	815,116
Assets—		
Advances on mortgage	645,094	706,431
Other assets	110,523	110,685
Total	755,617	815,116

The majority of those institutions that go to make up the aggregate of the above table never seem to have properly shaken off the effects of the crisis that brought so many of them down. There are, however, one or two noteworthy exceptions.

A.M.I. AND F.

More details of the balance-sheet of the Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Company, Limited, are now available. The following comparison may be made of the figures for the last three years:—

	Year ended June 30, 1907. £	1908. £	1909. £
Net profits	134,490	96,532	44,619
Available	164,826	171,979	150,698
Reserve	25,000	—	—
Dividend, per cent.	10	10	10
Dividend amount	52,000	52,000	52,000
Bonus	13,000	13,000	13,000
Forward	74,826	106,979	85,698
Capital	520,000	520,000	520,000
Reserve fund	300,000	300,000	300,000
Debenture stock	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Debenture interest	38,283	37,272	36,267
Sundry creditors, etc	219,217	266,067	242,198
Cash, short loans, etc	200,749	134,351	241,027
Investments	630,999	621,981	329,960
Advances on land, etc	2,058,998	2,168,158	2,207,699
Advances on wool, etc	164,240	126,167	55,579
Sundry debtors	65,745	149,786	108,814
Premises and plant	130,916	174,076	184,521

Dry weather in Riverina and in the western districts of this State is said to have been responsible for the diminished profits.

LEASEHOLD AND FREEHOLD COAL LANDS.

A good deal of discussion has turned of late on the fact as to whether the coal lands of the various coal companies were for the most part freehold or leasehold. The report of the Scottish-Australian Mining Company, Limited, just to hand from London, throws some light on this subject as applying to this particular company. It gives the following details of the company's properties:—

LIST OF COAL PROPERTIES.

Contents.	Name and Situation.	Tenure.
Acres.		
1,770	Coal lands to the west of Newcastle (Lambton Colliery	Freehold
136	Coal lands in the parish of Kahibah (Lambton colliery)	Freehold
4,645	Do. do. (Wallsend colliery) N.S.W.—The leasehold area, comprises 1566ac. 0r. 12p. of coal under the sea, adjoining other portions of the property.)	Leasehold
69	Coal lands in the parish of Kahibah, adjoining Lambton on the south-west	Freehold
1,098	Coal lands near to Lambton colliery (Burwood colliery) (comprising 624a. 0r. 30p. of coal under the sea)	Leasehold
1,794	Coal lands near to Dudley colliery (comprising 683a. 0r. 30p. of coal under the sea)	Leasehold
483	Coal under the sea, in connection with Dartmouth coal lands	Leasehold
100	Coal lands at Dartmouth, near Newcastle (Burwood colliery)	Freehold
400	The Good Hope property and copper mine in the county of Harden	Ditto
1,244	Land on either side of Yass River, in the counties of King and Murray	Ditto
1,095	Land on Queanbeyan River, in the county Murray	Ditto
1,089	Coal lands at Hexham, on Hunter River, in the county Northumberland	Ditto
24	Land at Mosquito Island in Hunter River, in the city of Newcastle	Ditto
8	Building land on Bullock Island, near the south-west side of the harbour of Newcastle	Ditto
0	Land with house, occupied by shipping manager, at Newcastle	Ditto
3,104	The East and West Cadia properties and copper mine	Ditto
220	Farm and house at Cadia	Ditto
1,474	Copper property near Rockhampton, in Queensland	Ditto
18,750		

The above properties stand on the books of the company at £219,201, not including machinery, etc., or copper properties.

CUSTOMS COLLECTIONS.

The following is a return of the Commonwealth Customs collections for the State of New South Wales for the period from January 1 to November 30, for the years 1908-9 respectively:—

Month.	1908.	1909.
January	£387,573	£349,418
February	400,846	380,654
March	439,351	431,981
April	354,135	363,305
May	323,172	416,047
June	360,601	376,699
July	442,256	428,155
August	392,826	446,546
September	401,026	397,172
October	367,809	388,612
November	389,914	405,954
	£4,229,461	£4,435,776

There has thus been an increase to date of £206,315.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Though the strike is having the effect of curtailing business in many directions and generally causing inconvenience, the mercantile community is in remarkably good heart.

It is generally recognised that the production of the country this season has been so great and prices so good that the deleterious effects of the strike is not likely to be very permanent.

Commonwealth gold exports up to date this year have reached the approximate value of £6,318,000, against £11,684,000 for the corresponding portion of last year.

Wheat roughly to the amount of 36,000,000 bushels has been shipped abroad from Australian ports this year. This has been of the value of about £7,150,000.

Mr. D. J. Brownhill has been elected a member of the Sydney Stock Exchange, and has joined Mr. F. O. Furner. Mr. Brownhill is an old Commercial Banking Company manager, having had charge of the Townsville branch. He is also a foundation member of the Institute of Bankers.

Tom S. Madeley and Sons, Limited, has been registered with a capital of £10,000 in shares of £1 each, to acquire the business of Tom S. Madeley and Sons, of Sussex-street.

D. S. Macphail and Sons, Limited, has been registered with a capital of £20,000 in shares of £1 each, to acquire the business carried on by D. S. Macphail and Sons and Wm. Johnson, of Sydney and Melbourne.

The receipts of gold at the Sydney branch of the Royal Mint last month totalled 41,762 oz., making 507,114 fine oz., valued at £2,156,024, since January 1 last.

COMMERCIAL.

THE MARKETS.

The markets yesterday were quieter. Grocery business showed a tendency to ease off, but the prices of most lines of dried fruits remained firm. Tea business was fair, and the prices realised were satisfactory to importers, although buying was less free. Among chemical lines "G" grade rosin was securing some attention at full rates. Oils and metals were dull, and feeling the pinch of the strike. Cornsacks were firm at dearer rates. Wheat was a trifle quieter, and shippers apparently less competitive for the time being. Flour was unaltered. In general produce business was dull. Maize was weaker and unsteady. Imported chaff was slow of sale, and potatoes were not sought after.

COMMONWEALTH BUTTER SHIPMENTS.

The following are particulars of butter shipped from the Commonwealth to the United Kingdom for week ended November 30:—

Ship—	Vict. Boxes.	N.S.W. Boxes.	Q'land. Boxes.	S. Aus. Boxes.
Moldavia	—	—	—	1,520
Otranto	34,096	14,226	—	—
Shipments since July 1 to Nov. 24	225,522	84,487	49,114	18,833
Total to date— 1909	309,218	98,713	49,114	20,353
1908	127,400	103,200	21,600	13,920
1907	212,880	58,800	23,920	19,680

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

TEA.

The market was quieter. Buyers operated to a moderate extent in Ceylons, and there were some exchanges of Indians. Prices for good useful qualities were a trifle firmer. Colombo cables advised inferior qualities at the sales held, with prices relatively higher. In Calcutta common advanced, and finest was bringing long prices.

JUTE.

Jute: New standard cornsacks, spot and ex Obra, 6/; ex Satara, 5/9; old standards, 7/9.

Branbags, 3/9½, spot.

Woolpacks, 2/2, spot.

EASTERN PRODUCE.

Rice: Best Japan, £22 to £22/5/ per ton; locally dressed, £18 to £20 per ton, in 56lb bags.

Sago: £12 per ton in parcels, 13/6 per cwt in small lots.

Tapioca: Medium pearl, £12/15/ to £14 per ton in parcels; 14/6 per cwt in small lots.

Pearl barley: £12/15/ to £14 in parcels; 14/ per cwt, 14/3 in 56lb bags.

Split peas: £10 per ton in sacks; £10/5/ in half-cwt bags in wholesale parcels; distributing lots 5/ more.

Seeds: Canary £18 per ton, in parcel; 19/ per cwt in small lots. Hemp, 21/ in parcels. Rape, 23/ per cwt. Linseed, 22/ per cwt for crushed, and 20/6 per whole; ton lots, £18. Mixed birdseed, 7½/ per cwt.

Spices: Cloves, 1/ per lb; nutmegs, /9 in case lots, /10 to 1/ smaller quantities; mace, 3/ per lb; pimento, /8½ to /9 per lb; caraway seeds, /9 per lb. Pure white pepper, /11 per lb; mixed, /7; pure black, /8½ per lb. Sticks cinnamon, 1/3 per lb. Mixed spice, loose /10, loo packets 1/. Nutmegs, case lots /8½ to /9½, small lots /11 to 1/1.

Oatmeal: 7lb bags, £15/10/ per ton; flaked, 7lb bags, £19/10/ 2lb packets, 5/ per doz.; rolled oats, 7lb bags, £22 to £25 per ton, according to brand.

Whole shredded ginger, in 10lb packets, /9 per lb; ground ginger, loose /8½, in tins /9½; preserved, /7½ to /8 in 10lb packets.

CHEMICALS.

Rosin: "G" grade, £11/2/6; "X" grade, £14 to £14/2/6 on spot.

Cream of tartar: 6 per cent., /7½ to /8; 99 per cent., /9.

Citric acids: 1/4 in parcels.

Tartaric crystals: /10½; powdered, /10½.

Bicarbonate: Macdonald's, 2½ per cent., £8.

Soda: Bicarbonate (Brunner Mond), £7/10/ in 5's, £8 in 1's, in parcels; caustic Sargent's in parcels, £13 spot; Greenbank's, in parcels, £14/5/; silicate soda, liquid, £6/10/ for parcels, lump £8 parcels; soda ash, £7 to £7/5/.

Borax: Powder, £19/10/; crystals, £18/10/, in parcels, in 1cwt kegs, 2cwt kegs 10/ less.

Flowers of sulphur: Parcels, £7/15/.

Carbide: Standard descriptions, £13.

OILS.

Kerosene (per gallon): Sewalane, ex store, Sydney, /10½ per gallon; ditto, ex store, Newcastle, /10½ per gallon; engine kerosene, /7½ and /8½ per gallon.

Motor car spirit: 1/6 4-gallon tins, 1/8 2-gallon tins.

Benzine, 1/4 per gallon; gasoline, 2/6.

Linseed oil (per lb): First brands, spot, in distributing lots, raw 3/11, double-boiled 4/1; second brands, raw 3/8 to 3/9, boiled 3/10 to 3/11; local, 3/6 in casks, 3/7 in drums. First brands, to near arrival, raw 3/9½, 2/9½ raw, 3/11½ double-boiled, a month later 5/11 and 4/1, second brands 3/10 and 4/.

Turpentine (per gallon): Pratt's, 3/11 to 4/; Pinetree, 3/8 to 3/10.

Mineral turpentine: 1/6 per gallon.

Olive: Imported, pure, 11/; compounded, 8/6, duty paid.

Castor: Spot, 8/ in cases, 3/1 in drums.

Cliffa: Pure, 6/8; denaturated (under Customs supervision), 2/9 (in 4's), and 3/11 (in 1's).

Cottonseed: Shanghai, 5/; American, winter drums, 5/3 to 5/6; denaturated, 3/ (in 4's), 3/2 (in 1's and 2½'s).

Morrison burning oil, gallon tins, 3/.

Rapeseed: No. 1, 3/3; refined, 3/6. Colza: Recognised brands, 4/ to 4/6, in gallon tins.

Japanese fish: No. 1 Yokohama herring, 1/6; ordinary fish, 1/3 net; No. 1 herring to arrive, £16/10/ per ton c.i.f.s.

Whale: 1/9 to 2/ per gallon, according to description.

Cod: Japanese, 1/9 net; Norwegian, 2/3; Newfoundland, 2/1.

Creosote: Pure, 8/ per gallon in casks, 2/8 in drums.

Whitehead: First brands, in casts, £29/10/ per ton; in quarters, £30/5/ to £30/10/; second brands, £1 less.

Redhead: First brands, £27 to £28; second brands, £1 less (in casts); second brands, £26/10/; quarters, 15/ more.

Blue, white: Dry, Australian £26 to £27/10/, according to parcel; English, £32 to £34; ground in oil, Australian £38 per ton; imported, £44 to £46.

Neatsfoot: Pure, 2/6 cash, 2/9 to 3/ drum; compound, 2/ to 2/3.

Stockholm tar: Local, 80/ in drums; load lots, smaller quantities, 5/9; locally 40-gallon casks, 35/; imported, £2-gallon casks, 36/; 40-gallon casks, 45/.

Fly-blown sheep oil: Australian, 2/6 net, for distributing lots.

Rosin oil: £20.

METALS.

Fencing wires:—

Black: German, ex store, No. 8 £8/10/, No. 10 £9/17/6; American, No. 8 £8/15/, No. 10 £9/7/6.

Galvanised: German, No. 6 £11, No. 8 £10/7/6, £10/5/, No. 10 £10/12/6.

American, No. 12 £11/15/; American, No. 8 £10/7/6, No. 10 £10/12/6.

Barbed: Australian, 12-gauge, £16/10/, 14-gauge £16, special 12-gauge, £16/15/, 14-gauge, £18/5/; German, £14/10/ and £15/15/; American, Iowa, No. 12 £14/15/; No. 14 £10/7/6; in cwt coils, 1-cwt coils, 5/ more; long-distance English, £17/7/6 and £18/15/ for 12 and 14 gauge respectively.

Co. C. iron: First brands £17/17/6, second brands £17/7/6, third brands £17, in 8ft lengths; in 9ft lengths 15/ more; 10ft lengths, 30/ more than 8ft; American descriptions to arrive, £16/15/; unbranded, on spot, £16, up to 8ft lengths.

Plain g. iron: 24, 26, and 28 gauge, first brands £17/7/6, £18/7/6, and £19/2/6; 10/ less for second brands.

Bar iron: £10/15/ in ton lots; shoeing iron, £11/15/; shoeing steel, £12/5/ per cwt.

Steelplates: £12/10/ per ton.

Hoop iron: Galvanised £16 per ton, black £11 per ton.

Wire nettings: 42 x 14 x 17, Australia, A grade £28/17/6, B £30/17/6; English, A £27/7/6 to £29/10/; B £26; German, best £28/15/, £29/5/, £29/10/; B £26; German, best £28/15/, £29/5/, £29/10/; 42 x 14 x 18, Australian, £21/17/6; English, A £23/10/; German, £21/10/ to £21/15/; 36 x 14 x 18, Australian, £19/15/; English, A grade £21, B £20/17/6 to £19/; German, A £21, B £20/17/6; 36 x 14 x 18, Australian £16, English and German £15/15/.

Sheet lead: £17/15/ in full rolls; sheet zinc, £20 to £20/10/.

Piping: English makes—Black 7½ off list; galvanised, 5½; steam, 6%.

Guttering and downpiping: 40 to 45 per cent. off list.

Wire nails: List for ton lots, 5 per cent. on list small lots.

Galvanised roofing screws: 4½ per cent. off list.

Tin plates: I.C. coke, 20 x 14, 14/9 to 15/ spot, 28 x 20, 20/6; I.C. charcoal, 18/;

Plaster: King's Windsor, spot, 17/.

Rabbit traps: Griffith's, 10, in tank lots, 10/8 to 10/6 broken stock; Sidebotham's, 5/6.

Sheep shears: Standard brands, 34/6.

Cartridges: 12-g. 4½", 22/6; 32 calibre R.F., black powder, 12, short, 19 long; smokeless, 14/3 to 16/9.

Cement: Imported, scarce, 14/6 German, 15/6 English, best brands.

Hay forks: 3-prongs, stripped and riveted, 5ft 22/; 5½ft 24/, 6ft 26/, 6½ft 28/9, 7ft 30/; scythe blades, 36in 36/.

Explosives: Dynamite, 43/6; gelignite, 41/; gelatine dynamite, 50/6; blasting gelatine, 55/6 per case of 50lb; ordinary blasting powder, /6½ per lb; fuse, first brands, double-tape, /8½ per coil, in cases of 300 coils; second brands, /6 per coil.

Iron tanks: 400 gall. 75/ to 80/.

The amount of wool manifested to arrive at Darling Harbour yesterday totalled 3980 bales.

BREADSTUFFS.

The demand for wheat for December delivery was less insistent yesterday, although up to 4/ was being paid. For forward deliveries growers were finding difficulty in obtaining more than 3/11.

Old flour continued to be quoted at £11, and new flour for forward delivery at £9/10/.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 681 tons of wheat and 84 tons of flour were manifested to arrive.

WHEAT LOADINGS AND STACKS.

The loading of wheat at country stations for the week ended November 27 totalled 151,681 bushels, of which 45,000 came from the northern line, 21,681 from the western, and 17,120 from the northern. The bags remaining in the stacks on November 13 totalled 2971, distributed as follows:—

Station.	No. of bags.
Wyalong	205
Young Creek	601
Coolamon	1600
Parkes	466
Narromine	100
Darling Island	80
Total	2971

On November 28 last year 18,530 bags of wheat were loaded at country stations, and the number left in stacks totalled 72,884 bags.

VICTORIAN WHEAT HARVEST—SEASON 1909-10. PRE-HARVEST ESTIMATE.

The Victorian Statist's estimate of the Victorian harvest, based on information furnished by farmers, is as follows:—

Wheat Growing Districts and Counties.	Estimated Area Sown for Grain.		Estimated Yield of Wheat.	
	Acres.	Per Acre.	Total. Bushels.	
West. District (part)—				
Ripon	73,600	17.80	1,308,900	
Wimmera District—				
Lowan	157,000	12.50	2,212,500	
Borung	371,600	17.00	5,637,200	
Kara Kara	114,900	14.75	1,694,775	
Mallee District—				
Weeah	26,700	11.00	293,700	
Karkarroo	258,000	10.00	2,580,000	
Talchera	270,000	10.00	2,700,000	
Northern District—				
Gunbower	91,700	13.00	1,192,100	
Gladstone	112,900	14.25	1,608,825	
Bendigo	125,600	15.75	1,978,200	
Rodney	139,100	14.00	1,947,400	
Moira	284,700	13.00	3,701,100	
Remainder of State	139,900	15.50	2,168,450	
Total estimated area and yield, 1909-10	2,162,200	13.57	28,535,250	
Total area and yield, 1908-9	1,779,905	13.12	23,345,649	

COMMERCIAL.

LONDON MARKET CABLES.

SILVER.

LONDON, Dec. 1.

Bar silver is quoted to-day 1/11 9-16 per ounce standard.

VISIBLE AMERICAN WHEAT.

7.45 p.m.

The visible supplies of wheat and flour east of the Rocky Mountains is estimated by "Bradstreet's" at the equivalent of 60,134,000 bushels of wheat, as compared with 58,186,000 bushels last week and 82,295,000 bushels last year.

METALS.

LONDON, Dec. 2.

Yesterday's closing quotations were:—

Copper: Spot, b £58/2/6, a £58/7/6 (7/6 lower); three months, b £59/5/, a £59/10/ (6/3 lower); electrolytic, £61/5/.

Tin, spot, b £143/7/6, a £143/17/6 (£1/1/3 higher); three months, b £145/5/, a £145/15/ (£1/5/ higher).

Lead, soft foreign, b £13, a £13/2/6 (unchanged).

COPPER MOVEMENTS.

	A Year Ago. Tons.	Previous. Tons.	A Month Nov. 30. Tons.
Supplies	35,264	35,056	36,044
Deliveries	29,220	27,025	32,336
Stocks	51,969	60,357	103,743
Afloat from Australia	6,000	6,175	5,050

TIN MOVEMENTS.

	A year ago. Tons.	A month previous. Tons.	Nov. 30. Tons.
Stocks	29,332	19,680	20,851
Deliveries	7,991	2,340	2,457
Afloat	5,016	3,578	4,109
Spot and Shipping	24,004	16,102	16,742

In the cable the amount of tin afloat is given as "11,109 tons," but this is assumed to be an error.

TALLOW MOVEMENTS.

	Last Year. Tons.	Previous. Tons.	Nov. 30. Tons.
Stock	4851	2974	2945
Imports	2332	3057	1975
Deliveries	2253	2837	2325

TALLOW SALES.

LONDON, Dec. 1.

At the sales of Australian and New Zealand tallow to-day 1191 casks were offered, and 428 were sold, prices showing a decline of from 3d to 6d a cwt. except for good and fine.

Goldbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd., have received from their London house, under Wednesday's date, the following cable:—"Tallow: Prices are unaltered since our last report. Quotations as follows: Fair to good mutton, demand steady at from 32/6 to 33/, per cwt. Beef, demand at from 32/6 to 33/ per cwt.

INTERSTATE MARKETS.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

In sympathy with the tone abroad, the wheat market is a shade easier, and some operators to-day are offering up more than 3/11 for farmers lots for December-Jan. delivery. Others are still at the 4/ mark. Farmers are offering freely, and Melbourne re-sellers are in the market at 4/ f.o.b. for parc

MINING.

THE SHARE MARKET.

According to a private cable message, the London Stock Exchange displayed very little vigour on Wednesday, as it was announced "African market generally is weak." If this was the case with gold shares, the natural inference is that the market must also have been a little "off colour" in the case of Australian silver and copper stocks, seeing that the price of copper had dropped back again 7/6, whilst lead showed no disposition to improve. The list of cabled quotations indicated, however, that Australian silver shares were steady.

Locally silver interests commanded most attention, and though the amount of business transacted was not large the prices realised were all in favour of scripholders. This will be seen by the fact that B.H. Souths paid sold at an advance from £5/18/ to £5/17/, B.H. Junction North from 38/3 to 38/6, and B.H. South Blocks from 30/3 to 31/; whilst B.H. Souths cont. were firmly supported at £5/11/ and £5/11/6, Sulphide Corporation pref. at 29/, and the ordinary shares at 20/3 and 20/1½. The buying offers for B.H. Proprietary, Zinc Corporation ordinary, British (old), and B.H. Junctions also disclosed a steady feeling.

Copper scrip was rather listless, presumably on account of the instability of the price of the metal—up one day 7/6, and back the same amount the next day. The only sale recorded was in Kangiara Proprietary paid at 2/3, a decline of /2. Except in the case of Mount Morgans and Wallaroo and Moonta there was not much vigour in the call for copper shares.

In gold shares Sandstone Development hardened a shade on the weak sales of the previous day, and Occidentals (Cobar) sold at firm price. Generally speaking, there was not much life in the call for Queensland, New South Wales, or Western Australian gold shares. As a result of the posting of the November output of the Tongkah Harbour Tin-dredging Company the shares recovered from 35/9 to 37/3. Good offers were made for Bourke's Hill Tin, but Vegetable Creek Tin paid weakened.

Extreme quietness prevailed during the afternoon, with prices practically unchanged in the silver section. In gold shares Sandstone Development sold again on the down grade. A telegram received from the manager late in the afternoon stated:—"Will advise the result of month's crushing not later than December 6; expect it to go as well as last month. Mine is looking well."

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

COPPER.	Buyers. £ s d	Sellers. £ s d
Budgery Mines	— ..	0 0 9
Canbelego, paid	— ..	0 4 2
Chillagoe, contributing	0 2 10 ..	0 4 0
Grafton	— ..	1 0 0
Great Fingall	1 8 0 ..	1 9 0
Kangiara Mines	— ..	2 0 6
Kangiara, Proprietary	0 2 0 ..	0 4 0
Ditto, contributing	— ..	0 4 0
Kylo	0 18 3 ..	0 18 6
Ditto, preference	1 1 — ..	—
Lloyd Copper	— ..	0 2 7
Lobbs Hole	0 5 6 ..	—
Ditto, contributing	0 3 6 ..	0 4 0
McGregor-Cloncurry, paid	— ..	0 2 8
Mount Elliott	2 0 0 ..	—
Mungana (Chillagoe)	— ..	0 1 0
O.K.	0 1 6 ..	0 1 9
Queen Bee	0 3 0 ..	0 3 6
Tolwood Minerals	0 2 0 ..	0 12 6
Wallaroo and Moonta	2 0 0 ..	—
Cobar Gladstone	0 0 6 ..	0 0 10
Kooara Mines	— ..	0 11 6
Ditto, contg.	— ..	0 9 3
TIN.		
Gilmore	0 0 10 ..	0 1 0
Vegetable Creek	0 5 6 ..	0 5 9
Ditto, contributing	0 2 6 ..	—
Vulcan	0 2 5 ..	0 2 6
SILVER.		
New South Wales, etc.		
British Broken Hill	1 3 3 ..	1 3 9
Broken Hill Proprietary	2 0 0 ..	—
Ditto, Block 10	0 0 10 ..	—
Ditto, Block 14, preference	0 0 9 ..	—
B.H. Junction	0 6 0 ..	—
B.H. Junction North	1 18 3 ..	1 14 6
B.H. North	4 5 0 ..	—
B.H. South	5 18 6 ..	5 17 0
B.H. South, contributing	5 11 6 ..	5 12 6
B.H. South Blocks	3 1 11 ..	3 1 0
Sulphide Corporation, ord.	1 0 7½ ..	1 0 8
Sulphide Corporation, pref.	1 9 0 ..	—
Zinc Corporation, ord.	0 10 9 ..	0 11 0
Ditto, pref.	2 6 0 ..	2 10 6
GOLD.		
New South Wales, etc.		
Baker's Creek	— ..	0 0 10
Gold Hill	— ..	0 0 5½
Ditto, contributing	0 0 6 ..	0 4 0
Harden	— ..	1 8 0
Harden Central, paid	— ..	0 0 10
Harden Central, contributing	— ..	0 0 10
Main Ridge Deep Lead, contributing	— ..	0 14 0
Mount David	0 1 9 ..	—
Occidental	0 12 6 ..	0 12 9
Dredging and Sluicing.		
Arahen Redbank	— ..	0 8 3
Bourke's Hill Tin	0 6 3 ..	0 6 6
Cope's Creek	— ..	0 4 0
Great Britain Sluicing	— ..	1 1 0
Owens Valley	— ..	0 5 6
Stanthorpe	0 2 0 ..	—
Tongkah Harbour Tin	1 16 9 ..	1 17 9
Tasmania.		
Mount Lyell	1 17 6 ..	—
Queensland—		
Charters Towers, etc.		
Bonnie Dundee	— ..	0 3 8
Brilliant Block, contributing	0 3 9 ..	0 4 0
East Mexican, paid	— ..	0 0 6
Mount Morgan	5 10 6 ..	3 12 0
Victory	0 1 3 ..	—
Gympie.		
Columbia Extended	0 3 6 ..	0 3 8
North Smithfield, No. 1	0 7 0 ..	0 8 3
South Great Eastern, No. 2	— ..	0 3 0
Western Australia.		
Black Range	2 10 0 ..	—
Black Range West, con.	0 2 6 ..	—
Chaffers	0 3 0 ..	0 3 6
Great Boulder	1 4 6 ..	—
Ditto, Main Reef	— ..	0 2 6
Ditto, No. 1	— ..	0 4 8
Sandstone Development	0 5 6 ..	0 5 9

STOCK EXCHANGE SALES.

MORNING.

Copper.—Kangiara Proprietary, paid, 3/3, 6 weeks 3/3.

Silver.—Broken Hill South, paid, £5/17/; Sulphide Corporation, pref. 29/; ditto, ord. 20/6, 20/7½, 20/6; Broken Hill Junction North, 38/6; Broken Hill South, contg. £5/11/, £5/11/6; Broken Hill South Blocks, 31/, £5/11/6; Zinc, contg. £5/11/6; Gold.—Occidental (Cobar), 12/7½; No. 1 North Smithfield, 7/3; Sandstone Development, 6/3, six weeks 6/3.

Tin.—Tongkah Harbour Tin, 36/, 37/3.

AFTERNOON.

Copper.—Tolwong Minerals, six weeks, 12/; O. K., 1/7.

Silver.—B.H. Junction North, 38/6; B.H. South Blocks, 31/6; B.H. South, contributing, £5/11/9.

Gold.—Sandstone Development, 5/10½, 5/10, 5/9, six weeks 5/10; East Mexican, contributing, 5/2; Black Range West, contributing, 2/9.

Tin.—Gilmore Tin, 7/10; Bourke's Hill Tin, 6/3; Tongkah Harbour, 37/3.

LONDON SHARE MARKET.

On the Stock Exchange yesterday quotations of Australian mining ventures were:—Broken Hill Proprietary, b 40/, a 41/3; British Broken Hill, b 23/, a 24/; Block 10, b 7/6, a 7/9; South Broken Hill, b £5/15/, a £5/17/6; Mount Lyells, b 37/6, a 38/6.

A private cable message states that amongst the shares quoted on the London Stock Exchange on Wednesday were the following "middle" prices:—Broken Hills, 40/9; B.H. North, 90/; B.H. Block 10, 7/7½; Mount Lyells, 38/; B.H. South, paid, £5/16/3; B.H. South Blocks, 30/6; British (old), 23/6; Zinc, pref., 45/9; Mount Elliott, 70/; Great Cobar, £5/17/6; Mount Morgans, 70/; Great Fitzroy, 28/3; Boulder Perseverance, 5/3; Chaffers, 5/3; Boulder Main Reef, 2/3; Hannan's Star, 4/3.

Other quotes (buyers):—Broken Hills, 40/3; British (old), 23/3; B.H. Block 10, 7/4½; B.H. Norths, 88/9; B.H. South, paid, £5/15/; B.H. South Blocks, 30/3; Zinc, ord., 19/3; Mount Lyells, 37/9.

African market generally weak. Copper was quoted at £58/5/, a drop of 7/6.

MINING NOTES.

Mr. D. J. Brownhill has been elected a member of the Sydney Stock Exchange.

The directors of the North Broken Hill Company have declared a dividend of 1s per share, payable on December 23.

The output of the Harden Gold Mine for the month of November was 904 tons (from 535 hours' working), valued approximately at £2663.

The Black Range G.M. Company has declared a dividend of 5d per share, payable on December 23. Transfer books close on December 16.

A dividend of 1/ per share has been declared by the North Broken Hill Company, payable on December 23. Transfer books close on December 16.

A telegram from the manager of the Stanbury Hills Mines states:—"Cut Ivanhoe lode with diamond drill, Ivanhoe No. 7 level, 90ft wide, low value, very heavy mineral. Boring lode in another position to determine value." A subsequent telegram stated:—"Wet season apparently set in, abundance water; three inches rain Stanbury."

The shareholders of the Tindale Coolgardie Company are notified that the directors have made a call of 6d per share. The official explanation is that while the profits on the four weekly crushings from the lower grade ore at the higher levels during the year have been considerable, they have not been enough to meet the expense of the ore-equipment of the mine with the up-to-date plant. At the 312ft level the drive north has been carried to 56ft, the face being 14ft wide, and maintaining high values.

At the Main Ridge Deep Lead mine the wash in the second cross drive to connect the No. 1 north drive is 2ft thick, and averages about 3½dwt per load uncrushed. As mined it is being sent to the mill. Nos. 1 and 2 south drives are all in bottom for a distance of 36ft. and 33ft respectively. No. 3 south drive is in 73ft, and there is wash all along the roof, but not broken into. The cross drive No. 2 north to No. 3 north is in 36ft, and the face is showing 2ft of wash. Blocking has been started north off this drive. The new air shaft is down 72ft. At 70ft wash about 7in to 8in thick was struck, which averages 25dwt to 30dwt per load. This is an important development, indicating that wash is likely to be met further east still. An additional strip of ground east of G.L. 6 has, therefore, been pegged out for the company. The battery plates have arrived, and are being fixed on the tables. The incline tram has been in operation. The boiler has been under steam, and the mill engine has had a trial run. It is expected that the battery will be running by the end of this week.

TONGKAH HARBOUR TIN DREDGING.

NOVEMBER OUTPUT.

The following report was posted at the Stock Exchange regarding the output of tin by the Tongkah Harbour Tin Dredging Company during November:—

	Tons	Cwt.
No. 1 dredge, 482 hours	12 ..	10
No. 2 dredge, 549 hours	24 ..	10
No. 3 dredge, 407 hours	19 ..	5
	55 ..	5

Approximate profit, £2250. No. 2 dredge stopped for renewing bucket pins and bushes. Estimate take eight days.

MINING IN THE STATE.

YAMBULLA, Thursday.

Smith, Hite, and party, of the Duchess of York Extended, had 7 tons of sulphide ore treated at Cockle Creek for 6oz 15dwt of gold and 5oz 7dwt of silver per ton. They are still sinking, and the lode is improving with depth. Mrs. Hughes, of the Federal Hotel, has purchased Stephenson's interest in the tunnel being driven for the ten-acre lode, and the work is being carried on with all despatch. Walk has applied for a six months' suspension of the labour conditions on the Bungalow, although tribute parties are still working, with fair results. Miradian has taken up the sulphide lode at the Razorback, formerly worked by Seater and Biddulph, and has men on sinking.

BROKEN HILL MINES.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

The B.H. South Blocks mill for the month of November ran 596 hours, treating 10,345 tons of crudes, averaging 15.9 per cent. lead, 2.5oz silver, and 10.8 per cent. zinc, producing 1993 tons of leady concentrates, assaying 65.7 per cent. lead, 9.3oz silver, and 7.7 per cent. zinc. The following was the development:—Deepening, 22ft; ore extraction, £3689; ore treatment, £2836; general, £446, equal to a working cost per ton of crudes of 13/8½.

AN HISTORIC GOLDFIELD.

A DEEP LEAD AWAITING DEVELOPMENT.

OPHIR, Thursday.

A correspondent writes:—The old Belmore mine, on Bluff Hill, has just been taken up as a lease of 20 acres by Mr. Treadwell and party. It is intended to sink the main shaft another 100ft, and drive thence easterly to intercept the rich leaders which were worked on the surface. It is believed that these will have formed into a solid reef at the level indicated.

The Victorian miners, who are driving under the basalt ridge to cut the lead in the ancient river bed found in Fitzpatrick and Wren's lease, are in over 600ft, and expect to strike the wash in less than another 100ft. Dr. Fitzpatrick and Wren's new tunnel is to be pushed rapidly ahead after the Christmas holidays. It has 140ft to go to be under the gold-bearing wash proved by the old tunnel, when the cost of mining operations will be greatly reduced. This lead is in every respect similar to that being worked by the Main Ridge Deep Lead Company, inasmuch as it is an ancient river bed, covered by a volcanic lava flow, under which tunnels can be driven and the lead drained by gravitation.

A prospector named Oakes recently brought into Ophir some rich quartz specimens found on the surface. The locality of the find has not yet been disclosed, but it is said to be on private land.

TONGKAH COMPOUND COMPANY.

PROPOSED RECONSTRUCTION.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The directors of the Tongkah Compound Company are calling a meeting of shareholders to empower them to reconstruct the company and to arrange for underwriting. It is proposed that the capital of the new company shall consist of 55,000 shares of £1 each, of which 44,000 shares shall be offered to the public, 2500 shares to be given to the shareholders on their taking up an equal number, and 8500 shares of 500 shares to be given to the underwriters as part payment. It is proposed that the compound company shall also receive the sum of £22,500 out of the profits of the new company.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

Sales and quotations:

Westralian Associations weeks: Associated, 17/, 18/6; Associated Northern, 7/6, 7/7; b 7/6, s 7/7; Boulders, 3s 34/10½, s 35/; ditto, No. 1, 2/10½, 3/9; Perseverance, 5/-, b 5/, s 5/1; Lake Views, b 1/7, s 1/8; Marvel Loch, 2/-, b 1/11; South Kalgurli, 14/6, 14/9; Wahai, 2/6½, 2/7½, b 2/7½, s 2/8.

Silver: Broken Hill, b 46/9, s 51/3; B.H. Block 14, 10/6, b 10/6, s 10/9; ditto (cont.), 11/-, b 10/9, s 11/; British (old), 27/4½, b 25/10½, s 25/16 6; B.H. Block 10, b 75/-; B.H. Junctions, 41/-, b 40/6, s 40/9; B.H. Norths, 90/-, b 90/-, s 91/; B.H. South (paid), 5s, £5/18/6, b £5/18/6, s £5/19/; ditto (contg.), b £5/10/6, s £5/11/6; B.H. South Blocks, 31/44, 31/6, b 31/3, s 31/44; B.H. Junction North, 38/6, b 38/3, s 38/6; Sulphide Corporation (paid), 20/6; Zinc Corporation (paid), 20/3, b 20/-, s 20/3; ditto (ord.), b 19/-, s 11/; Amalgamated Zinc, paid, b 21/3, s 22/6.

Copper: Mount Elliott, b 60/, s 71/; Mount Lyell, b 38/3, s 38/6; Great Fitzroy, b 28/, s 28/3; O.K., 1/6, b 1/5, s 1/6½; Burra, 1/1; Wallaroo, 40/3, 40/, b 40/, s 40/3.

Tin: Great Pyramid (contg.), 4/1½; Stannary (ord.), 1/1, 1/0½; Torrington Swamp, b 18/6, s 21/.

BENDIGO, Thursday.

Sales:—Bird's Reef, /7; Central Gladstone, 5/1; Goldsmith, /8½, /7; Goldfields North, 4/3; Koch's Pioneer, 13/; Maxwell, /9; New Chum Goldfields, 14/6; New Golden Plover, /4; New Prince of Wales, 4/8; South Prince of Wales, /7½.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Thursday.

Sales:—Bonnies, 3/9; B. Deeps, 3/11; Mexican, 7/3, 7/5; Kasmadsa, 3/6; Marshall's, 2/7; South Q., /6; Wallis, /5.

To-day's sales were:—East Mexican, contg., forward, 5/3.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Silver: British (old), 23/2; B.H. Junction North, 38/, 38/14; B.H. South Blocks, 30/44, 31/3; North Broken Hill, 90/3.

Copper: Balfour Blocks, £10, £10/5/; Balfour Premier, £9; Mount Lyell, 38/3; Tasmanian Copper, 5/6, 5/9; Tasman and Crown Extended, 1/-; Mount Elliott, 70/; O.K. Adelaide's register, 1/6; Mount Copeland, 6/10, 6/5; Tasmanian Gold, 6/.

Tin: Melbourne Cope's Creek, paid, 4/9, 5/-; Tongkah Harbour, 36/, 37/6; ditto, Compound, £9/17/6, £10/5/; Gold: Cathcart, paid, 55/, 54/, 55/; Cathcart Central, 5/9, 4/8, 5/; Cathcart North, 6/; Duke and Main Leads, 32/, 32/6; Great Southern Consols, 4/6; Ilma, 5/; Last Chance, 6d; Lang's Lead, Langi Logan South, 5/4, 4/11, 5/; Long Tunnel, 45/; Maori Queen, £10; New Deepwey, 4/; New Good Hope, 1/10½; New Kohimoor, 4/7; New Sandy Lagoon, 12/6, 11/; New Zealand Wahs, 4/9; North Stagoo, 1/3, 1/1; Noggety Ajax, 40/, 40/6, 39/6; Block Range, 60/3, 60/; Tindal's, 22/, 23/9.

A PRISONER'S ESCAPE.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

A man named James McEwen escaped from custody by jumping from the prison cart today. McEwen to-day completed a sentence of two years and five months' imprisonment at Pentridge, and was being taken from Pentridge to the detective office in charge of a warder. Prisoners on their discharge from Pentridge have to be taken to the detective office to receive a certificate of discharge, and also that they may be observed by the detectives generally, so that they may be known again. They are being in legal custody until they receive a certificate of discharge. When the prison cart reached Parkville McEwen jumped out into the road and got away.

STATE PARLIAMENT.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The President took the chair at 4.30 p.m.

ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY.

On the motion of the Vice-President of the Executive Council, the House resolved to meet on Fridays for the remainder of the session.

FEDERAL CAPITAL SITE BILL.

This bill was received from the Assembly, and read the first time.

CLOSER SETTLEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

This bill was read the third time.

FACTORIES AND SHOPS AMENDMENT BILL.

This bill was further considered in committee, and on the motion of Mr. Travers, clause 3 was amended so that the definition of "bakehouse" should include bakehouses irrespective of the number of persons employed therein.

On the motion of the Vice-President of the Executive Council the word "laundry" was omitted from sub-paragraph "b" in the definition of "factory." He also moved another amendment to substitute the word "Chinese" for "Asiatic," so that the paragraph would read "(b) Any office, building, or place in which one or more Chinese are so engaged."

An amendment by Mr. Meeks to make the paragraph read, "two or more Chinese," as constituting a factory, was rejected by 21 to 5. The amendment moved by the Vice-President of the Executive Council was agreed to.

In clause 12, "Means of escape from fire," Mr. Buzacott moved to include shops as places in which other means of fire escape should be provided, in addition to the usual fire escapes.

The amendment was opposed by the Vice-President of the Executive Council, and Mr. Thomas Hughes pointed out that the proposal was one which would more appropriately be included in a Building Act.

The amendment was negatived.

The remaining clauses were passed without material amendment, and the third reading was made an order for the following day.

WESLEY COLLEGE INCORPORATION BILL.

The House went into committee for further consideration of this bill.

The amendment moved by Sir Joseph Carruthers on clause 9 was withdrawn, and Mr. Flowers moved that after the word "laymen" the following words be inserted—"Shall be elected as follows:—The clerical councillors shall be elected by the conference, and as to lay councillors, they shall be elected by the subscribers to the funds of the college in the manner hereinafter to be provided, and thereafter all vacancies in the number of lay councillors shall be filled by election by such subscribers as aforesaid, until such time as the names of 20 graduates of the University are on the books of the college, and thereafter all vacancies in the number of councillors shall be filled by election by such graduates as continue on the books of the college."

The amendment was agreed to, and the clause, as amended, was passed.

Mr. ROBSON said he did not intend to go further with the Bill, as it was hopeless to try to get it through that session. The amendment would also render it necessary to recast some of the machinery clauses.

Progress was reported, and leave given to sit again that day fortnight.

MOREE TO MUNGINDI RAILWAY BILL.

This bill was read the second time, and passed through committee.

NEWCASTLE NORTHERN BREAKWATER EXTENSION BILL.

This bill was read the second time, and passed through committee.

CREMORNE TRAMWAY BILL.

This measure was also read the second time, and passed through committee.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House, at 9.5 p.m., adjourned till 4 o'clock on the following day.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

ALL-NIGHT SITTING.

AN EARLY MORNING SCENE.

A MEMBER EJECTED.

Wednesday's sitting of the Legislative Assembly was not brought to a close until 4 a.m. yesterday. The estimates of the Departments of Public Instruction, Labour, and Industry were under discussion from 5 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon until 9 o'clock on Thursday morning. There were many grievances to be ventilated, and these were dealt with in considerable detail. To the various speakers they were matters of much importance in the districts they represented, and Mr. Meehan listened with a patient ear to it all, and promised consideration. The proceedings were monotonously quiet until 3 a.m., when Mr. Meehan came into conflict with the Chairman.

Mr. Meehan had been frequently called to order by the Chairman for making offensive remarks to members on the other side, and he was ordered to finally desist, on pain of being ejected.

Mr. Lynch rose when Mr. Meehan was called to order, and the Chairman called him.

Mr. MEEHAN: I haven't finished.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Lynch.

Mr. MEEHAN: Why am I sat down?

The CHAIRMAN: I thought the hon. member had finished.

Mr. MEEHAN: I want to discuss the shearers' conditions.

The Chairman again called Mr. Lynch.

Mr. MEEHAN: I am going to do it.

The CHAIRMAN: Order!

Mr. MEEHAN: I won't be sat down like this. I beat his pal (pointing to the Minister for Agriculture), and knocked the stuffing out of him.

The CHAIRMAN: Order! The hon. member must obey my ruling.

Mr. MEEHAN: I am going to disagree with it. Give me a chance.

The CHAIRMAN: Well, there is a proper course to take.

Mr. MEEHAN: I'll take it. I knocked the stuffing out of his pal —

The CHAIRMAN: Order!

Mr. MEEHAN: All right. But I beat his pal, and —

The CHAIRMAN: Order!

Mr. FITZPATRICK: You are a low blackguard.

Mr. MEEHAN: I'll bash your head, you —

The CHAIRMAN called upon the sergeant to eject Mr. Meehan.

Mr. MEEHAN (retiring): You needn't bother. I'll go. (To Mr. Fitzpatrick): I'll wait for you outside, Jacky.

A few minutes later the estimates for the department were voted.

Secretary for Mines, £74,527, as against £74,132 last year.

Mr. THOMAS recommended the Government to adopt a more vigorous policy in respect of prospecting the State's mineral resources. The prospecting vote should be largely increased and somewhat differently administered to the past. He also urged the Minister to try to equip some of Stan Batteries in one or two places. They had succeeded in other States, and there was no reason why the results should not be satisfactory here.

Mr. GRAHAME pleaded for more liberal allowances under the Miners' Accident Relief Fund. He asked for information in regard to the Hetton coal mine.

The MINISTER FOR MINES said that he would not in any way interfere with employment at the Hetton mine if it could be avoided. But the mine had to be made safe for working. Up to the present the manager had met him very fairly. In regard to prospecting he had for a large sum of money allocated, and the results of the past had not been too encouraging. But he would see what could be done.

The estimate was agreed to on the voices.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Leave of absence for the remainder of the session was granted to Mr. David Fell, on account of urgent private business.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House at 4 a.m. (Thursday) adjourned till 4.30 p.m.

The Speaker took the chair yesterday at half-past 4.

ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY.

It was resolved, on the motion of the Acting-Premier, that during the remainder of the present session the House should meet for the despatch of business at 3 p.m. on Fridays, and Government business only should be taken.

LITHGOW SEWERAGE BILL.

On the motion of the Minister for Works, the House agreed to give consideration on the following day to the expediency of bringing in a bill to sanction the construction of a sewerage system at Lithgow.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ACT.

The ACTING-PREMIER moved that the House would, on its next sitting day, consider a motion for adding to the number of trades and occupations in respect of which wages boards under the Industrial Disputes Act might be applied for.

The motion was agreed to.

THE ESTIMATES.

Department of Agriculture—£171,755.

The Estimates of the Department of Agriculture were considered in committee of supply. A vote of £171,755 was asked for, as compared with £135,346 voted last year. The difference in the amounts was partly accounted for by the transfer of the Forestry branch from the Department of Lands to the Department of Agriculture. The vote asked for included £36,926 for the forestry branch.

Mr. McGARRY contended that the experimental farms should, as far as possible, be made paying concerns. Not enough had been done in that direction. A demonstration farm should be established on the country lying between Barrellan and Hilston. The successful establishment of such a farm would pave the way for settlement on a large scale. People of small means were timid about taking up land in that part of the country until its possibilities had been demonstrated. He doubted whether the Department of Agriculture had, as Under-Secretary, a man with sufficient practical knowledge to make the department as useful as it ought to be. He urged the appointment of an irrigation expert in connection with the Barren Jack scheme. An annual salary of £1000, or even £2000, to the right man, would be money well spent. He also advocated the appointment of an expert to conduct dry-farming operations in the western portion of the Central Division, and the eastern portion of the Western Division.

The MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE: Mr. Sutton is already doing that.

Mr. McGARRY: Mr. Sutton was doing very good work, but the fringe of the question had only been touched. He urged the Minister to get a special report on the suitability of forest reserves in the Lachlan country for agriculture and pasture.

Mr. HALL held that it would be impossible to run the Hawkesbury College on commercial lines. It was an educational institution, and was never intended to be run on paying lines.

Mr. MORTON said there was a tone of apology running through the departmental report. It was not altogether complimentary to the working of the department during the past two years. But it was not fair to criticise the department after only two years' work. In eight or ten years they would be in a better position to judge. It did not follow that, because a man had the highest attainments as a theoretical agriculturist, he was eminently fitted for the post of Director of Agriculture. While recognising the present Director's high attainments, he did not think he was fitted, from the point of view of practical knowledge, to take on the Directorship of Agriculture. One of the difficulties of the department was the friction among the experts which it was known existed. In sending out men to teach the farmers he would recommend the Minister to in future send men who knew something more about the business than some he had sent in the past. Men who had been sent out to teach ploughing and harvesting did not know how to do it themselves.

Mr. TREFLE regretted that the Minister had not asked for a larger vote for demonstration farms. The work those farms did, or should do, was of the greatest importance. He dissented from the view that experimental farms should be made self-supporting. They were doing a most useful work in breaking down the old-time prejudices of farmers.

Sir JAMES GRAHAM defended the Under-Secretary from adverse criticism. His definition of a practical man was a man with a practical mind, and judged by this test the Under-Secretary was highly qualified for his position. He warmly commended the Hawkesbury College as one of the finest of its kind to be found anywhere. His experience taught him that in mental gifts young Australia had nothing to fear by comparison with the young men of other countries. The young Australian was bright, clever fellow, who assimilated knowledge readily, and it was well to give him every opportunity of becoming a teacher in his own country.

Mr. O'SULLIVAN spoke of Washington as the greatest seat of agricultural learning in the world, and suggested that New South Wales would benefit greatly if the Minister for Agriculture could see his way clear to spend a few months at Washington.

Mr. BARTON suggested that the Government should devote some attention to experiments in the cultivation of grapes.

Mr. GRIFFITH complained of only £1500 being placed on the Estimates for reafforestation. The amount should have been nearer £15,000 than £1500.

Mr. R. JONES spoke of the good work done by the agricultural colleges and the experimental farms. He urged the Government to place the direction of forests in the best hands.

Mr. DOWNES commended the work done by the department through the agricultural colleges and experimental farms. The Hawkesbury Agricultural College was taking a deservedly high position in public favour. He advocated inquiry into the commercial value of native grasses, and the appointment of an irrigation expert.

Mr. M'FARLANE expressed the hope that no time would be lost in classifying forest lands, and in making known the intentions of the department in connection with afforestation and reafforestation. He attached the utmost value to afforestation on a definite and comprehensive scale, and the making of experimental plots of trees that were not indigenous. In connection with potato blight, steps should be taken to guard against the use of blight-infected potatoes as seed. It would be well if the department took steps to import seed potatoes, so as to ensure freedom from disease.

Mr. BALL said that the Minister was working on sound lines in establishing experimental plots in different parts of the country. He hoped the number of these plots would be added to.

Mr. BURGESS thought that too little attention was paid to native grasses.

Mr. DONALDSON advocated the establishment of horticultural classes at the various agricultural colleges for women only. It would open a splendid field for female industry.

The House was sitting at an early hour this morning.

SYDNEY LAW SOCIETY.

FAREWELL TO PROFESSOR PITT COBBETT.

The Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Cullen, presided over a representative gathering of the legal profession at Sargent's Cafe last evening, when occasion was taken to bid farewell to Professor Pitt Cobbett, who recently resigned his position as Dean of the Faculty of Law at the Sydney University. Among those present were Mr. Justice Simpson, Mr. Justice Street, Mr. A. G. Ralston, K.C., Mr. C. R. Walsh (Prothonotary of the Supreme Court), Mr. A. G. Saddington, Professor Macallum, Mr. F. Levertier, Mr. D. G. Ferguson, Mr. H. C. L. Anderson, Mr. E. R. Holme, Mr. J. H. Peden, and Mr. A. J. Kelynack.

The usual loyal toast having been honoured, the chairman submitted the toast of the guest of the evening. Professor Pitt Cobbett had been with them for 20 years, and the present position of the law school was proof of the wisdom of the senate's choice. He had put the legal profession of New South Wales and Queensland under a deep debt of gratitude. In order to keep his name green in their memory the senate had inaugurated a Pitt-Cobbett prize in connection with the law school. (Applause.)

Professor Macallum, in supporting the toast, said that any who sought advice from their guest found him faithful, sagacious, and helpful. All his colleagues in the University valued and esteemed his friendship. They were being deprived of services that few would be able to render in his stead. (Applause.)

Mr. A. J. Kelynack, as one of the first students of the Sydney Law School, said that every student had a deep affection for their chief. The two chief characteristics of the professor's work were thoroughness and accuracy. His best reward would be seeing his old students doing good work. As long as the University lasted the name of Pitt Cobbett would be held in high honour. (Applause.)

Mr. J. T. Walsh said that their guest had a fine scorn for anything mean or ignoble.

Mr. D. G. Ferguson also supported the toast.

Professor Pitt Cobbett, who was received with enthusiasm, thanked them for the kindly Australian character of their appreciation. He had always endeavoured to urge his students, in order for them to become sound lawyers, to take an intelligent interest in the outside life of the University and the State. With regard to the University, he felt that the American law schools led Australia. Certain changes, drastic in character, were necessary. There should be a reduction in the time given to purely theoretical subjects, and more done in the way of practical courses on lines similar to laboratory work. He had tried to do something in this direction, and his non-success was one of the reasons for his resigning in favour of a younger and more energetic man. He paid a tribute to the work of the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Barff, Professor Macallum, Professor David, and others of the University.

THE DUNGOG TRAGEDY.

WILHELM GERLOCH ARRESTED.

STEAMER APOLDA AT SUEZ.

A cable message reached Sydney yesterday notifying that the German-Australian Steamship Company's vessel Apolda had arrived at Suez on Tuesday, and that Wilhelm Gerloch, the German who is suspected of having murdered Frank Colemon near Dungog, was arrested.

A man answering the description of Gerloch drew all Coleman's money, £77 odd, from the savings bank at Sydney. Gerloch shipped on the Apolda as a fireman, signing on for the voyage as far as Antwerp. The boat left Sydney on November 1, and called at Melbourne.

AUSTRALIAN NAVAL DEFENCE.

THE LOAN BILL.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The debate on the second reading of the Naval Loan Bill was resumed in the House of Representatives to-day.

Mr. Kelly (N.S.W.) admitted that borrowing for defence was a bad policy, but this was a time of crisis, and it was only by borrowing that the unit could be built. He did not think there were sufficient safeguards in the Loan Bill to prevent further borrowing for defence. He would like to see a trust fund established to provide for building any ships that would have to replace those of the new unit that became obsolete. He urged the Government to bring in some bill to show the public that it was not their intention to depend on borrowing for the future defence of Australia.

Mr. Foxton said that in some way his personal views on naval defence had been distorted whilst he was away from Australia. (Hear, hear.) He had all along supported the cost of subsidy to the Imperial Government, but only as an expedient to be abandoned when something like the present proposals could be devised. The offer of a Dreadnought by Australia had an advantage, inasmuch as it indicated the length to which Australia was prepared to go in the defence of the Empire. The Admiralty did not hesitate to suggest the best means of carrying out the wishes of Australia. It had recognised that Australia should not be expected to undertake at once the full responsibility of providing and maintaining this fleet unit. The suggestion by the Imperial Government of £250,000 per annum was made by the First Lord of the Admiralty (Mr. M'Kenna). If it had not been beneath the dignity of Great Britain to accept a subsidy of £270,000 per annum for many years, surely it was not beneath the dignity of Australia to accept a voluntary grant from the Imperial Government. (Hear, hear.) The new fleet unit would cost less per annum than the old squadron. Australia would be entitled to certain nominations for the Osborne Training College, but as the distance between England and Australia was so great, few parents would allow their boys to be absent for five years at college to enter the college. It had occurred to the Government that naval colleges should be established in the Commonwealth. It was quite on the cards that an Australian Admiral would be in charge of the fleet unit at some future time.

On the question of finance, Mr. Foxton reminded members that New Zealand would have to go in for a loan policy to provide its Dreadnought. In conclusion, Mr. Foxton said that construction of the fleet units would be proceeded with at once.

Mr. Willis (N.S.W.) observed that on the shoeing of the British Admiralty the new unit would involve an expenditure of one million pounds a year. The Commonwealth had started at the wrong end.

Mr. Wilks (N.S.W.): The ships should be built here.

Mr. Willis: Exactly. If British shipbuilders were told that there was business to be done here they would soon establish a branch. It was suicidal to borrow money to build ships that would be no use after eight or nine years. The new feature was that instead of Great Britain finding the money at 3 per cent. Australia was going to find it at 5 per cent. The new unit was no equivalent for a Dreadnought. The Commonwealth was face to face with financial confusion, and a deficit would begin that would continue for a number of years.

Mr. Chanter (N.S.W.) expressed the opinion that the Government had no right to resort to a loan.

Mr. Spence (N.S.W.) thought the Government scheme was a splendid one for the moneylenders. The Ministry was fooling the country, going behind the people's back, and taking the easy way.

Mr. Catts (N.S.W.) opposed the Government scheme. He thought they should raise money by putting a tax of 2½ per cent. on the value of overseas shipping trade in the Commonwealth, which amounted to £134,000,000 per annum. This he contended, would provide sufficiently all that was needed to build the ships. The loan should not be proceeded with until the matter was placed before the people by means of a referendum.

Mr. Watson (N.S.W.), who was greeted with cheers, said that the means by which the Government intended to raise the money for the fleet were beneath contempt. The Government had power to tax and they should tax for defence. There was no emergency at present. The rich were prepared to borrow and allow posterity to pay for their defence. He did not think the people of Australia would object to pay their share towards the defence of the Commonwealth.

The second reading was agreed to by 25 votes to 18.

The bill was taken into committee and progress was reported on clause 1.

The House adjourned at 11.40 p.m.

LEARNING THE TRADE.

THE AUSTRALIAN ARTISANS,

COMPLAINTS BY THE MEN.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Thomas Downer, a Ballarat manufacturer, who has just returned from a trip to Europe, was interviewed to-day concerning complaints said to have been made to him by Australian workmen engaged in the construction of the two destroyers for the Commonwealth. He said that when he heard in London that the Australian workmen were not satisfied with their positions he sought one whom he took to be the foreman of the Australians, who complained to him that the Australian artisans were not learning what they expected they would learn, and were not permitted to see a plan nor enter the section of the works

MR. WATSON'S RETURN.

OBSERVATIONS ON SOUTH AFRICA.

THE COLOURED LABOUR QUESTION.

MELBOURNE, Thured y.

Mr. J. C. Watson, M.P., returned to Melbourne after a visit of some months' duration to South Africa. His primary object was to undertake gold prospecting work on behalf of an Australian syndicate. He took his seat in the House of Representatives this morning, and was heartily welcomed by his fellow members in the House. In the course of an interview, Mr. Watson said that he had been interested in the development of gold mining in various parts of South Africa. The Rand goldfields, he remarked, are the most striking that one could possibly light upon anywhere. For 50 miles uninterrupted one finds mines, sometimes working three deep along the line of lode, and carrying all along that distance a great population, with Johannesburg as the centre of considerable settlement at every point. As to equipment, there seemed to be very complete outfits for dealing with immense quantities of stuff. Quite a number of mines have 200 or 300 stamps running, and with the amalgamations that have been arranged for some time past, two or three big mines joining together and concentrating their crushing appliances as well as their power production, it seems as though things will yet be attempted on a still bigger scale in the near future. They have a decided advantage over Australia in the regularity of banket deposit. It is regular for miles, with only the slightest variation in width or value. "I would not say that the equipment in the Transvaal is better than that of the big mines of Australia, except in the matter of tube drills. At Kalgoorlie they have all the appliances used at Johannesburg, but not on nearly so large a scale; and, of course, the larger quantity handled in the latter place enables the work to be carried out at a lower cost. The development recently has been towards a further installation of tube mills, with a view to relieving the battery stamps from the finest crushing, thus increasing the daily output. The development on the Rand proper is to some extent diverted or prevented by the attention that is being directed towards other shows in the Transvaal, some of them very promising indeed to Australian eyes. Just recently the discoveries in Rhodesia have attracted large numbers of speculators and miners, and the most glowing accounts are given of the prospects there. They speak of jade matter, soft enough to be easily crushed, of 150ft wide, and even of greater width, carrying 4dwt to 8dwt of gold right through. Already a number of batteries are in operation, and preparations are being made for more extensive equipment. When I left Johannesburg the centre of interest seemed to be shifting for a time at least to Rhodesia."

Mr. Watson was asked if he had any reply to the allegation that he had been employing coloured labour. "Yes," he said, "I have. Surely no one will object to the employment of natives in their own country. It is good for the natives; it is good for the country. From experience I can say it is not very good for the employer. I employed all the white men I could get for about 100 miles around, including three Australians, and then I had to utilise native labour. My difficulty was that these natives could not do the work properly. I did not employ aliens—that is, Chinese or Indian coolies. In Australia no one would dream of protesting against giving work to Asiatics. When the Act prohibiting the employment of coloured labour was forbidden under the Post and Telegraph Act, it was not intended to exclude the employment of aborigines in connection with postal contracts. This was pointed out in Parliament, and contractors have since been allowed to employ aborigines in the country districts. Sheep farming is now being followed more extensively in South Africa than was the case before the war, and a trade with Australia in blood stock has sprung up. A good deal of the country in the Cape Colony and the higher lands in the Orange River Colony and the Transvaal are being extensively stocked." Mr. Watson said. "A great number of sheep for breeding are being sent from Australia. In these sheep farms the sheep do very well, but further north there is great difficulty in carrying on sheep farming owing to the prevalence of various diseases. It is unfortunate that these diseases exist mostly in the districts where land is suitable and available for sheep farming. The Government has spent a great deal of money in attempting to overcome the difficulty; but I think it will be many years before a guarantee can be given that herds will be free of disease in any of the northern districts. I found one Australian who had ventured there, and who in one season lost everything through the diseases. On the other hand, I met quite a number of Australians—men who first introduced pedigree sheep—doing very well indeed. They are conquering the aversion of the Boers to pay anything more than 30s for a good ram, and by this means are improving breeds generally, and supplying good Australian rams at from £5 each."

Mr. Watson declined to speak of Australian politics. As is well known, he is not seeking re-election to the Federal Parliament. He will leave for Sydney on Saturday, and probably will not return to the House.

FEDERAL ELECTIONS.

COOK.

Mr. W. E. Cullam has withdrawn his candidature for Cook. The nomination of candidates has been reopened, and candidates may submit their names by December 15.

WAVERLEY LIBERALS.

THE PENDING FUSION.

Some weeks ago delegates from the two Liberal bodies at Waverley met to discuss a scheme of amalgamation. Certain recommendations were approved by the committees of the Waverley branch of the Liberal and Reform Association and the Waverley Liberal League, and it was agreed to request the President to address members of both bodies with a view to completing a fusion, but owing to Mr. Wade's illness the meeting has been postponed. At the last meeting of the Waverley branch of the Liberal and Reform Association (Mr. G. H. Philip presiding) necessary steps were taken to carry on the campaign pending amalgamation, as the year closed on November 30. It was decided that the officers and committee should stand until negotiations were completed.

Mr. J. J. Smith has withdrawn his candidature for South Sydney. Nominations are being received up to Wednesday, December 15. Mr. Eden George has been nominated.

The result of the ballot for the Liberal candidate in the branches of the New South Wales Federal Liberal League in the Riverina electorate is now known. Mr. J. T. Jackson received 367, and Mr. A. K. Trethowan received 301. In the ballot of the F. and S. Association, which had been taken previously, Mr. Jackson obtained 142 votes and Mr. Trethowan 100. The matter is to be finally adjusted by the joint executives of both organisations.

Mr. B. J. Grogan is conducting a vigorous preliminary campaign in the Hume. He proposes speaking at as many centres, both large and small, before Christmas as he can, returning in the new year and going more into detail, and into the smaller centres. He has already spoken at Culcairn, Germanton, Tumut, Adelong, Coolac; and will visit Corowa, Henty, Lockhart, The Rock, and Bethungra during this week.

A circular has been distributed in Tumut to the following effect:—"Sir William Lyne will again contest the Hume constituency at the forthcoming election. His doctors say that in a few weeks he will be stronger than he has been for years."

CANOWINDRA, Thursday.

Mr. W. Stace Lloyd, organiser for the Liberal party, and Mr. Sydney Smith have formed a branch of the Liberal League, with a good membership.

FORBES, Thursday.

Mr. W. Stace Lloyd, general organiser for the Liberal party, has just completed a tour of the Calare electorate, and reports that the prospects are very favourable. On Friday he addressed a meeting of ladies at the council-chambers, and on Saturday afternoon he delivered an address to the Forbes branch of the Farmers and Settlers' Association.

PAPUAN EXPLORATION.

ANOTHER PARTY STARTING.

The P. and O. mail steamer Marmora, which arrived in Sydney from London yesterday, had as passengers to Colombo Captain E. Rawling, C.I.E., who previously did exploring work in Tibet for the British Government; Dr. Goodfellow, who has carried on exploration in Papua; Dr. Marshall, who accompanied Lieutenant Shackleton on his dash for the South Pole; and Dr. Woolaston, a member of the Hawesnarl expedition in Africa. The party intends to penetrate Dutch New Guinea by means of one of the rivers. It is backed by the Ornithological and Geographical societies of Great Britain, and the principal objects are geographical exploration and the collection of specimens of birds, particularly birds of paradise. They will proceed from Colombo to Singapore, and there will obtain 16 Ghurkhas as a bodyguard. Thence they will travel to the Aru Islands, and establish a base at Dobo.

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